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## More jobs go as part of council budget cuts

MORE than 120 jobs will be axed at Dudley Council in the wake of £34 million of cuts.

Finance bosses said 115 voluntary redundancies and 11 compulsory redundancies were planned during the 2014/15 financial year as the council struggles to balance its books.

The number of voluntary redundancies is higher than originally thought but there have been fewer compulsory redundancies, council bosses said.

It follows the council axing 621 jobs over the past three years, which cost the council £13m in severance and pension costs.

Deputy council leader Councillor Pete Lowe said: "In the light of reduced funding from national government we are working on smarter and more innovative ways of delivering services."

"With regard to staffing levels we are also looking to reduce the need for compulsory redundancies by encouraging voluntary redundancies, managing vacancies and redeploying staff to other areas wherever possible."

"Inevitably, however, there will be some compulsory redundancies as a result of the agreed budget for 2014/15."

## So SATs the way to do it

THE number of children reaching their expected levels in reading, writing and maths in Dudley has jumped by four per cent.

Key Stage Two SATs results show that 78 per cent of primary school pupils in the borough achieved a level four or above in those areas. That is a boost on last year, double the national rate, and is up six per cent from 2012.

The results put Dudley pupils joint top for boroughs in the Black Country, along with Wolverhampton.

# CHARITY SHOP THIEF IS JAILED

**A WOMAN who stole almost £5,000 from a charity shop to fund her partner's drug addiction has been jailed.**

Pauline Smith had been convicted of two similar offences when she was given a job at the Salvation Army shop in Halesowen.

But after only seven months Smith, of Flavell Avenue in Coseley, returned to stealing, pocketing a total £4,932 in 20 separate occasions over three months. She took the money from the takings, which she banked at the end of each day.

Sentencing Smith to one year in jail, Recorder David Burns said: "I have to sentence you to prison, this is an appalling breach of trust. The Salvation Army took a chance on you and you threw it back in their face."

### Glimmer

"I was going to give you 18 months but I have reduced it to 12 months. That takes into account the fact you pleaded guilty early and some glimmer of appreciation of what you have done."

Mrs Emma Wynne-Owen, prosecuting, told the hearing Wolverhampton Crown Court on Friday that Smith, aged 55, was caught after paperwork showing bank deposits went missing.

An investigation showed Smith stole money on 20 occasions between April 2 and June 26 this year. Smith admitted the theft to her bosses and police.

She joined the shop in Hagley Road as a volunteer before being offered a permanent employee position in September 2013.

Mrs Wynne-Owen said: "She said she was in financial difficulties at the time and used the funds to pay for her partner's drug addiction and living expenses."

### By Alex Ross

Her intent was to repay the money but it escalated out of control. This was the third time she had committed an offence with severe breach of trust."

Mr Simon Hanns, defending, said: "She entered a into a relationship with a gentleman who was a heroin addict, he would use the money. There must have been some plan but it is clearly unsophisticated. It was inevitable she would be caught. She has managed to get out of the relationship and will take great care in future."

Smith must pay a £100 victim surcharge but was not ordered to pay back the money owed.

Mr Burns added: "This shows a disregard for the employer, they took a chance on her, they knew she had been in trouble for theft, they took a chance and they have been left thousands of pounds out of pocket."

Three years ago Smith was jailed for nine months after stealing jewellery worth more than £21,000 while working as a cleaner.

The Salvation Army Trading Company spokesman Nick Morton said: "Thankfully these cases are extremely rare in our business."

## Grannies get a soaking for charity



The Fizzogs get a soaking by firefighters at Haden Cross Fire Station, Cradley Heath, in the Ice Bucket Challenge

IT has taken the world by storm with thousands of people each day pouring a bucket of ice water over their head for charity.

One Direction star Liam Payne took part after being nominated by X Factor judge Cheryl Cole. He let 11 teenage fans drench him in icy water.

Led Zeppelin legend Robert Plant took the opportunity to nominate Sir Elton John and Sir Paul McCartney.

Each day brings hundreds of new videos of people taking the challenge - and the nominations have seen some longstanding rivalries stoked up. Hawthorns chairman Jeremy Peace nominated Jez Moxey to go next and he was drenched before Saturday's game against Blackburn.

Now the Black Country dancing grannies have joined in the ice bucket craze with a little help from their local firemen.

### Fizzogs

The gyrating geriatrics, actually members of Dudley-based comedy group The Fizzogs, decided to have bucket loads of fun at the new Haden Cross station on Barrs Road, Cradley Heath, after being nominated by fans.

Before being soaked, OAP Letty, played by Fizzog Sue Hawkins, said: "We've been nominated as we, by everybody, thank you very much."

The internet sensations can be seen huddled together on a bench before officers from the station drench them.

Miss Hawkins said: "We've been having a bit of trouble with the old waterworks so the lads from Haden Cross came to the rescue!"

The comedy group took part in the charity challenge ahead of the last performance of their 50 per cent Funnier Comedy Tour at Wednesbury Town Hall this Saturday.

## Borough's peak time television showcase

AN HISTORIC Halesowen park and Stourbridge's glass making heritage are among the Black Country tourist attractions that will appear on national television this weekend.

Popular Sunday night TV show BBC's Countryfile will feature The Leasowes park and Red House Glass Cone in an episode this weekend focusing on the heart of England.

### Visitors

The show is also due to feature the Wren's Nest National Nature Reserve in Dudley, Saltwells Nature Reserve near the Merry Hill shopping centre, Dudley Canal Trust and the Kinver rock houses at Kinver Edge, near Stourbridge.

The programme will be aired on BBC1 at 7pm and could lead to a boost in visitors to the Dudley area.

Councillor Hilary Bills, Dudley Council's cabinet member for environment and culture, said: "We were delighted to have the Countryfile team on site at our attractions."

"This programme will be a fantastic opportunity to showcase what the borough has to offer."

She added: "I am looking forward to seeing the programme when it airs this Sunday."

## Murder case charge dropped

A WOMAN accused of the murder of an Halesowen pensioner has had the charge against her dropped.

The case against Chantelle Moran-Stokes, aged 24, of Latches Close, Darlaston, has been discontinued. She had been accused of murdering 80-year-old Cynthia Beamond. Leo Barnes, of Runcorn Road, Balsall Heath, is charged with the murder of Mrs Beamond and a murder in London. He is due at Wolverhampton Crown Court on October 10.

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# Habitual criminal spat at police

A PROLIFIC criminal threatened to 'smash' a police woman in the face and spat at other officers, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard.

The confrontation with Jason Lowe happened outside his former partner's home, said Mr Mark Rees, prosecuting.

Lowe, who had 32 previous convictions involving 89 separate offences, repeatedly broke a non-molestation

order banning him from contacting the 33-year-old woman. He bumped into her in the street on May 29 and threw a hot cup of coffee over her after the pair returned to her Halesowen flat together, Mr Rees said.

On June 12 he arrived outside the address shouting abuse and calling her names, said Mr Rees. He said: "His breath smelled of drink and he might have taken drugs. When

police arrived he became aggressive and told one woman officer: 'I will smash you in the face if you come near me'."

Lowe, of Clancy Way, Halesowen, was found to be in possession of a small amount of cannabis. Mr Rees claimed he had spat so much at officers during the drive to the police station that the vehicle needed a £120 professional clean. Mr Lewis

Perry, defending, said: "He has been addicted to drugs and this has impacted on his mind."

Lowe, aged 38, admitted criminal damage, possession of cannabis, threatening words and behaviour and two breaches of the molestation order. He was given a seven month sentence suspended under supervision for two years with a three month night time curfew.

# D-Day heroes claim top French honour

**TWENTY-EIGHT** veterans of the Normandy landings have come forward to claim France's highest order of merit following an appeal in The Chronicle's sister daily newspaper the Express & Star.

The Légion d'Honneur is being offered to every surviving British veteran of D-Day, but they must apply for it. The E&S urged veterans to come forward after the Royal British Legion in Wolverhampton said only six former city soldiers had so far asked about it.

But now, more than quadruple the number, including men from Stafford and Kingswinford, have got in touch with RBL Wolverhampton welfare officer Joy Widdowson, who has been helping them make applications to the French embassy.

The Légion d'Honneur is normally only for French citizens but has been given to people who have done something that has served France or the ideals it upholds.

The French Government has said it wants to bestow the award upon any surviving British serviceman who took part in the D-Day invasion.

All members of the Order must have their nomination sanctioned by a 17-member panel led by the Grand Master of the Legion, currently French President François Hollande. It was awarded to 746 members of the British Armed Forces during the Crimean War.

Mrs Widdowson said: "I'm now awaiting replies from the French embassy to see how we go about getting the medals to their recipients. Many of them are 90 or 91 years old now."

It is understood British veterans will be made knights of the order, equivalent to an MBE.

Contact Mrs Widdowson on 01902 788874.

Discussions with Dudley Council commenced following the public meeting with regard to looking at the options for the Longlands site and adjacent council land. It is hoped by working together a comprehensive solution can be found for the benefit of all."

## New arts venue for college



An artist's impression of the performing arts centre for Halesowen College

THIS is the first image of a new performing arts centre which will be built at a Black Country college if plans are given the go-ahead.

It is the next phase of the transformation of Halesowen College and would cater for hundreds of students.

The £3 million centre would be built at the Whittingham Road campus to help the college cope with a growing number of students taking performing arts courses.

Some are currently having to travel off

campus to use facilities at Benjamins, a function and conference hall in the town centre.

The venue is used by students for daytime sound checks and performances. Some lectures take place on campus.

Bosses said having on-site teaching rooms will cut costs for both students and the college.

As well as providing up to six classrooms, the building will have a performance hall with a mezzanine level viewing gallery.

## Oh brother — false details led to arrest

A MAN found loitering near cash points tried dodging arrest by giving officers his brother's details, not realising his sibling was wanted by police for assault.

Officers on burglary patrols in Halesowen Road, Halesowen stopped the 33-year-old after spotting him acting suspiciously by a cash machine.

Having skipped court bail on a dangerous driving matter and knowing he was wanted by police, he tried giving officers his brother's name and date of birth. But the man from Handsworth was arrested when checks revealed his sibling was also wanted for questioning about a common assault.

West Midlands Police Chief Inspector Simon Richards, said: "Giving false details is never a sensible option but giving details of someone wanted by police takes the biscuit. When he realised he'd been found out he quickly admitted lying and co-operated."

"Many of our police teams now also carry or have access to mobile ID devices which allows officers to fingerprint scan suspects in the street — if they've been arrested before their true details can be determined on the spot."

## Hit novel now on the screen

A NOVEL that transformed a health worker from Stourbridge into a best-selling author has finally reached the big screen.

The movie adaptation of thriller *Before I Go To Sleep* is in cinemas tomorrow starring Nicole Kidman, Colin Firth and Mark Strong.

Stourbridge's Steve Watson — under pen name SJ Watson — wrote his hit debut while working as an audiology specialist at St Thomas's Hospital, London. The book has been reissued in paperback to tie-in with the movie.

## Housing plans

PLANS for 55 new homes in Tipton have been lodged. Devan Homes Limited wants to build a mixture of townhouses and apartments on land off Peel Street. The scheme includes two three-storey apartment blocks and 42 houses with from two to five bedrooms.

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# College in appeal on refusal of crossing

DUDLEY College has lodged an appeal after plans for a pedestrian crossing between two campuses were refused.

Dudley College claims the crossing in Tower Street, Dudley, is needed to ensure a safer route for students between The Broadway and Evolve campuses.

Councillors on a planning committee had thrown the idea out because of the potential impact of queuing traffic and waiting pedestrians. But in a statement on behalf of the college, planning agents Delta Planning said the negative consequences of the crossing were 'mostly negligible'.

The statement said: "The impacts on residential amenity and air quality are mostly negligible and at worst minor, and are certain not significant enough to warrant refusal.

"This was the view arrived at by the planning, highways and environmental officers at the officers at the council who recommended the application for approval."

The agent said the opening of Evolve meant it was 'imperative' the crossing was introduced to improve pedestrian safety. The appeal will be decided at an inquiry later this year.

# Hospital on the agenda

PATIENTS will be able to get an update on a hospital's priorities for the coming year at a meeting on Thursday, September 11.

The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust will hold its annual members' meeting at Russells Hall Hospital. Chief Executive Paula Clark will present a summary of the hospital trust's performance throughout 2013/14 and give an overview of what to expect in the current financial year.

Places are limited, call (01384) 321124 or email foundationmembers@dgh.nhs.uk.

# Road closures

TWO roads will be shut for resurfacing work to take place later this month. Park Head Crescent, Dudley, will be closed on September 15. Diversions will be in place. Waterfall Road, Amblecote, will be shut between 8am and 3pm weekdays September 16 until October 10.

# Conservatives in race to find new candidate



Chris Kelly stands down

THE Conservatives are searching for a candidate to replace Dudley South MP Chris Kelly, who stunned colleagues by announcing he would stand down at the General Election.

The 36-year-old has represented Dudley South for a single term. He is the ninth Tory MP from the 2010 intake to reveal plans to leave office. Mr Kelly's announcement late on Sunday leaves the Conservatives facing a race against time to get a candidate for the key marginal, which he won from Labour in 2010 with a majority of 3,856.

Mr Kelly, the Wolverhampton Grammar School educated son of the owner of West Bromwich lorry dealership Keltruck, has yet to give his reasons. He has said that he is not joining

UKIP. He was one of 79 Tories to rebel against the party in 2011 to demand a referendum on Britain's EU membership.

Natalie Neale, chairman of Dudley South Conservative Association, said: "Chris Kelly has worked incredibly hard for the constituents of Dudley South as well as helping the Government implement its economic plans which have helped take us out of the Great Recession and back into growth. We will now begin the process of selecting a Parliamentary Prospective Candidate to return a new Conservative MP to represent the hard-working taxpayers of Dudley South and continue to implement our long-term economic plan for the country."

Natasha Millward, Labour's Dudley South candidate, said: "Voters in Dudley South know this Tory-led Government is letting them down and are rejecting its policies. That message has got through to Chris Kelly. This looks like a Black Country Tory MP running scared."

Stourbridge Tory MP Margot James tweeted: "Really sad that my friend and Parliamentary neighbour Chris Kelly is standing down at the next election, a great guy who will be missed."

Bill Etheridge, Dudley UKIP councillor and MEP, worked on Mr Kelly's campaign before joining Nigel Farage's party. He said: "It would appear that the Conservative Party is losing its brightest and best."

# Cancer survivor on epic round-the-world journey

By Jonathan Pritchard

**SAM Greatrex is on a mission to travel around the world using only man-powered vehicles – bicycles and rowing boats.**

He also aims to break 11 world records and to raise almost a quarter of a million pounds for charity while he goes globe-trotting.

The epic journey will see the brave 29-year-old from Halesowen team up with a number of other intrepid fundraisers to travel 32,000 miles by bike and row across both the Pacific and Atlantic oceans. They set off this week after a send-off by cycling great Hugh Porter at Halesowen Cycling Club.

Sam aims to raise £240,000 for Macmillan Cancer Support after the help they gave him when he was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin lymphoma when he was 10-years-old.

He now works for the charity in London as part of its fundraising team. "If we manage it there will be a total of 11 world records broken, including nine Guinness World Records," he said. "We've set ourselves a target of taking 18 months, although the first person ever to try it also said that, and it took him 13 years.

## Planning

"I started planning it about five years ago. I sat down with some of my friends and asked them if they fancied it. They all said no, but I've managed to rope in a few unsuspecting people.

"There's going to be a team of people rowing for 24 hours a day for 70 days across the Atlantic ocean, so we'll be taking it in turns so we can get some sleep but carry on rowing."

Sam will be the only person taking part in the whole trip, but will be joined by rowers for his trips across both the oceans.

The fundraising trip will take him to some of the most beautiful and far-flung corners of the world. French authorities ban any rowing or kayaking across the Channel, so despite leaving Birmingham and cycling down to the south coast via London, the team officially started the ride in Paris.

They are cycling through France first and then Spain before kayaking across the Strait of Gibraltar to Cueta.



Wolverhampton-born cycling legend Hugh Porter gave Sam a send-off

From there, they'll get back on their bikes and cycle to Agadir in Morocco where they will begin the row across the Atlantic to Santa Marta in Columbia, which is expected to take about 70 days.

Then it's back on the bike to cross South America via Columbia and Ecuador to Collao in Peru. From there, they will row across the Pacific to Brisbane, Australia, which they hope will take 90 to 120 days.

Another bike ride to Darwin in north Australia will allow them to row to Bali before island-hopping through Indonesia on bikes and kayaks to Singapore.

Then it's cycling all the way home, through Thailand, Laos, China, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan and Iran, before crossing into Europe and cycling through Turkey, Greece, Albania, Croatia, Slovenia, Italy and finishing in Paris.



Sam Greatrex is travelling around the world for a cancer charity



On track to raise thousands for Macmillan Cancer Support

"I planned the trip to make sure I could take in lots of different cultures," said Sam. "I'm going to be cycling about 50 to 60 miles a week, so it won't be like I will be cycling with my head down from dawn until dusk."

"I started training for it about three years ago and I've been doing everything I can to train. I have an exercise bike under my desk and a rowing machine in my bedroom."

Sam splits his time between work in London and home at Halesowen where he enjoys escaping into the Cleint Hills to get some more practice in on his bike.

Sam said he has been keen to do something unique to raise money for charity ever since he battled back from cancer.

"It's been an ambition of mine to do something unique for charity ever since I was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin lymphoma when I was 10. was fortunate that

my cancer treatment was working and I was in remission. But my Macmillan nurse was there for me for 18 years after the diagnosis and that was always a brilliant person to be able to talk to."

If all goes to plan, the group will break two Explorers Web world records and nine Guinness World Records. The record for the fastest human-powered navigation of the world stands at five years 11 days so Sam will be hoping to smash that, as well as becoming the youngest person to complete the feat. The rowers will break a number of records.

Sam said: "If we can raise £240,000, that is enough to build a new chemotherapy suite in a hospital then that will benefit thousands of people."

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

## Revived bid for car wash at pub

A FRESH bid to open a car wash on a pub car park has been launched despite nearby residents objecting to the idea.

Qamil Alijah has resubmitted a planning application for the car park outside the Full Moon in Hurst Green Road, Halesowen. Earlier this year the proposal was refused by Dudley Council after eight people objected over increased traffic and noise.

Mandeep Baines, who owns the pub, said the car wash would not cause problems because of a large parking area.

## Merry Hill routes getting a revamp

WORK has begun on a £1.2 million plan to improve pedestrian and bus routes around Merry Hill shopping centre.

The scheme includes a new crossing for shoppers walking controlled by traffic lights and on Pedmore Road, Brierley Hill.

Dudley Council said today that work on the project, which also includes changes being made to the junction of The Boulevard and Mill Street to improve access for buses, would be completed by Christmas.

## Fresh hope for King Arthur pub

A BID to demolish a landmark pub in Dudley could be thrown out after council planners refused to back the scheme.

Developer Jahorina wants to flatten the 1930s empty King Arthur pub on the corner of Birmingham New Road and Priory Road to replace it with a store.

But council officers are recommending councillors refuse next week, insisting it is a "heritage asset."

## Man in court on sex attack charge

A MAN has been charged with sexually assaulting a teenage girl on bus travelling to the Merry Hill centre.

Carl Percival, 59, of Church Road, Netherton, has been bailed to appear at Sandwell Magistrates Court on September 17. The alleged assault happened on the 243 bus on April 30.

## Have a charity ball

TICKETS are still available for a charity ball in aid of Midlands Air Ambulance on Saturday, September 13, at the Cophorne Hotel, Brierley Hill. Tickets are £25 from any Dudley Building Society branch.

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## THE BEST OF PETER RHODES



"A WELL regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed." That, with all its curiously-placed commas, is the cherished Second Amendment to the United States Constitution, adopted in 1791. It's the one which has allowed the US to become flooded with between 270 million and 320 million guns (no-one knows for sure) and given it about 32,000 gun deaths every year. You may think it is stretching the Second Amendment just a tad to offer sub-machine gun lessons to a little girl of nine but, hey, it's the Land of the Free. Sadly, the little girl lost control of the Uzi machine-pistol after the first round and shot her instructor, 39-year-old Charles Vacca, dead.

THE gun lobby's usual response to such tragedies is to stress the importance of proper instruction. One emailer in a US chatroom beat them to it with this parody: "This would never have happened if proper semi-automatic rifle use was instituted in kindergarten or pre-school at the latest." Contrary to popular belief, some Americans do irony very well.

WE are assured that no senior police officers involved in the Rotherham child-abuse scandal are still working for South Yorkshire Police. Well, so what? Justice doesn't suddenly stop when someone changes job or retires. If celebrities can be pursued into their 70s and 80s for indecent assault, there should be no limitation on investigating any adult whose reaction to the industrial-scale rape of children was to look the other way.

THINGS to do on a wet bank holiday. We watched the late, great Lauren Bacall in North West Frontier, the 1959 yarn set in British India and co-starring Kenneth More. Have you noticed something about these pukka, stiff upper-lipped epics of Britain and the Raj? You can't watch them without expecting Terry Scott to march into shot with a platoon of The Third Foot and Mouth Regiment or hear Sir Sidney Ruff-Diamond (Sid James) doing his dirty laugh. Carry On Up the Khyber (1968) has a lot to answer for.

**Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star**

# Men are jailed after terrifying store raids

**STAFF were left trembling in fear during a series of armed raids at convenience stores across the Black Country, a judge said.**

Michael Scanlon and Gavin Reilly were jailed for 11 years each for plotting robberies across Dudley, Wolverhampton and Sandwell.

Armed with axes and crowbars, they stole cigarettes and cash worth at least £47,000 from shops and petrol stations.

**By David Banner**

Scanlon and Reilly were both jailed by Judge Amjad Nawaz. "There is very little in the way of mitigation and quite a lot in the way of aggravating features," he said.

"In one case, an axe was raised above the head of one victim. He was told to get on his knees with the threat that his head would be caved in if he didn't."

Judge Nawaz said while no victims suffered serious physical injuries, the robberies would have caused psychological damage.

He added: "We have seen CCTV image of staff trembling in fear, or hiding under the counter."

Scanlon, aged 34, of Rocket Pool Drive, Bilston, and Reilly, 34, formerly of Tipton Road, Sedgley, denied conspiring to rob 21 stores but were convicted after a 24-day trial. Mr Ronald Jaffa, for Reilly, said: "There's no stability in his life." Scanlon's solicitor said his client had not been at all the robberies.

Alan Brookes, aged 44,

of Princip Street, Aston, Birmingham, had already pleaded guilty to his part in one of the robberies and was jailed earlier this year.

The gang's reign of terror lasted between September 27, 2013, and January 4 including a raid at the Tesco petrol station, Fox Oak Road, Cradley Heath.

The mob sometimes carried out more than one raid in a day, such as November 2, where they hit both the Shell petrol station in Sedgley Road, Woodsetton, and the Londis store in Tipton High Street.

During a raid at Coseley Convenience Stores, in Ettingshall Road, a worker put up a fight and Reilly left behind his phone. The getaway car, a Vauxhall Astra, was abandoned in Amble-side Close, Bradley. They made a crucial error, leaving a balaclava in the car, with traces of Reilly's DNA.

## Drivers 'ignored' victim in road



Lewis Yale pictured in hospital with his horrific injuries

A FAMILY have branded the actions of motorists 'disgusting' after they drove past a young man left lying in the road after a suspected hit-and-run incident.

Lewis Yale, the 22-year-old found seriously injured in a road in Tividale, near Oldbury, was struck by a car moments after getting off a bus. Officers also revealed that other motorists drove round him as he lay injured in Dudley Road East, in the early hours of Sunday.

Detectives are searching for a silver car, possibly a Ford Fiesta, which they believe may have been involved in the collision.

Officers originally considered the possibility that Mr Yale had been assaulted. But now they say he was hit by a car as he crossed the road shortly after midnight, on the way home from his hotel job.

One close relative, who asked not to be named, said: "It is absolutely disgusting to hear that they would do that."

An off-duty police officer came to his aid and he was taken to Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital.

## Landmarks opening to public for free

MUSEUMS and landmarks across the Black Country will be throwing open their doors for free next week.

A host of venues across the region will be taking part in Heritage Open Days, a national initiative to promote England's architecture from September 11 to 14.

Museums in Sandwell will be offering free events, with a highlight being the What's Up There? tour at Haden Hill House in Cradley Heath, when there will be a rare chance to see the bits of the house and hall not usually open to the public.

### Archives

Dudley is hosting five events, including the first time that Dudley Archives and Local History Centre will be taking part in its new home after moving from Coseley.

The new centre, situated next to Black Country Living Museum, offers a range of state of the art facilities and lots of opportunities for involvement in local and family history.

Elsewhere in the borough, Kingswinford War Walks will be held at St Mary's Church, while events are taking place in Stourbridge at the Quaker Meeting House, Plowden and Thompson and Tudor Crystal factory at Dial Glassworks. See [www.heritageopendays.org.uk](http://www.heritageopendays.org.uk) for further details.

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**Rescued pub set to be re-opened**

A PUB saved from being knocked down and replaced by a shop will reopen this month.

The Swan Inn, Long Lane, Halesowen, will open on September 24 following a refurbishment by new owners Black Country Ales. The Lower Gornal-based micro-brewery purchased the pub from Punch Taverns this year after a campaign by the community to stop a convenience store being built on the site. Punch Taverns had applied for permission to changeuse after claiming the pub was no longer viable.

Black Country Ales director Angus McMeeking said: "It will be a specialist real ale pub. It is good to keep popular pubs like this open in the community."

**House and park project progress**

WORK the £5 million restoration at historic Lightwoods House at Bearwood is likely to begin in January.

The Lightwoods Park and House Project Board has confirmed that work is expected to start at the beginning of next year on the site off Hagley Road after originally being scheduled for autumn.

The work has been delayed due to the complexity of the tendering process and will start after discussions between the Heritage Lottery Fund and contractors. Councillor Steve Eling said: "A starting date in early January 2015 seems likely."

# Sacked boss 'in glue plot to wreck Firkins bakery'

By Rob Gollidge

**A FORMER boss of Firkins tried to sabotage the bakery by changing the locks and removing cash registers from shops, an employment tribunal heard.**

Ian Bolderston planned to cripple the bakeries after he was sacked as managing director for gross misconduct last year, the Birmingham hearing was told.

It heard how, along with his wife Sarah and some of the company's employees, he planned to capitalise on the firm's demise by opening a rival business.

A set of bizarre circumstances occurred over Easter weekend last year, when a string of Firkins shops across the Black Country were unable to open, including those in Halesowen Road, Netherton, Fountain Arcade, High Street, Dudley, High Street, Stourbridge, Bridgnorth Road, Wollaston, High Street, Lye and New Street, Dudley.

Lorry drivers arriving to make deliveries in the early hours found keys did not work and tills and counters removed. Glue was also poured into the padlocks at five branches.

**Mystified**

The police were called but said no crime had been committed. Then-owners Thomas and Margaret Adams were left mystified. The couple had merged their Northampton-based family bakery, Oliver Adams with the Bolderstons' struggling Firkins business in 2011.

The alleged conspiracy was revealed at an employment tribunal brought by Gail Dickens, a former area manager for the firm, who took action against Firkins' parent company, Newbridge Bakery Retail Ltd, claiming unfair dismissal.

In a ruling that Mrs Dickens, of Wollaston, had been dismissed fairly, employment judge Christopher Gaskell gave details of a plot to damage the Firkins brand.

His judgement states: "It emerged that there was a conspiracy at large involving Mr and Mrs Bolderston and some other employees of the company, the strategy being firstly



Ian Bolderston - former managing director of Firkins Bakery

to impose potentially fatal financial damage to the company on the back of which Mr and Mrs Bolderston would then set up a rival business taking advantage of the custom and reputation and the trading brands of the company at a time when it was ill-suited to fight back.

"Stage one of this plan appears to have been to change locks in a number of shops so as to prevent those shops from opening and trading after Easter, and also remove from the shops equipment which would be vital to the continued operation of the respondent's business and therefore prevent that continued operation; and in due course, the equipment would be useful in the new business venture which Mr and Mrs Bolderston intended to establish."

Mr Bolderston was said to be a charismatic businessman and with glamorous wife Sarah, they were full of big ideas when they rescued the 144-year-old firm in 2006. Their last known address is in Bratton, Shropshire.

The judge said Mrs Dickens had initially been tasked by Mr Adams to help resolve the situation. But it transpired that she had been in on the conspiracy, asking a colleague if she was going to stay with the Adams or move to the



Sarah Bolderston had a senior job at Firkins bakery

new Bolderston enterprise, the judge said. Mrs Dickens was even at one of the shops on Easter Sunday with Mrs Bolderston, who was removing equipment, the tribunal heard. She claimed to be coincidentally passing at the time.

In another incident she was telephoned by a store manager who said there were people in the shop removing equipment - but she never reported any of this to Mr Adams, the tribunal heard.

Her explanations as to why she took no action were labelled 'ridiculous' by the judge.

Mr Adams, who has now retired, said: "It was horrendous; a terrible and bizarre time but I was thankful to the staff who worked hard to salvage the situation. Without them we never could have kept the business going."

The bakery, which has been in and out of administration since 2000, started at a single shop in Carters Green, West Bromwich, in 1870. In 2006 the Bolderstons stepped in to rescue Firkins from the brink of collapse.

The new owners of Firkins are totally unconnected with these events.

## £3m rent is owed to council in Sandwell

MORE than £3 million is owed to Sandwell Council in rent arrears by 10,000 residents. Finance bosses warned there would be action against those who refused to pay.

At the end of June, £3,055,081.85 was owed to the council by 10,905 tenants but council chiefs say arrears have been around the £3 million mark for some time.

Councillor Steve Eling, finance chief at the council, said they have to consider how to go about collecting the money, but issued a warning to those who refuse to pay.

**Struggling**

He said: "We understand that some people are struggling with multiple debts and a lot of the time they are in debt with payday lenders who charge astronomical amounts. With those people we have to make sure we try to help them so they can manage their debts and prevent them from getting into more debt."

"Unfortunately, there are some people who just don't want to pay and we do what we can to get the money back from them."

He added: "The total amount of money we get from rent is around £100 million so it is just a small percentage that is outstanding and that is a reasonable figure."

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## IN MY VIEW

with Mark Andrews

PLANS for compulsory sex education for children aged seven have received celebrity endorsement, with a former weather forecast presenter explaining how, in her native Sweden, children were taught about relationships 'framed with love and affection'.

Writing in her newspaper column, she said, if replicated in this country, such lessons could play a huge role in reducing youthful promiscuity, family break-ups and unplanned pregnancies.

By the way, the sleb in question is Ulrikka Jonsson. You know the one they call 4x4 because she had four children by four different fathers, and had an affair with that most unlikely lothario Sven-Goran Eriksson.

Well, as we say in the Black Country: "Yo've gorra loff, ay yer?"

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SIX years after it was ruled out for the stupid idea that it was, the idea of congestion charging in towns and city centres across the West Midlands could be back on the agenda again.

Birmingham Council is leading an inquiry on behalf of the seven authorities of the West Midlands, including Wolverhampton, Sandwell, Dudley and Walsall.

First and foremost, many will argue why one local authority should have the right to dictate to another what its transport policy should be.

The needs of a buzzing metropolis such as Birmingham is surely a world away from the requirements of places such as Dudley or Wolverhampton which are already struggling to compete with the like of Merry Hill and, yes, Birmingham.

And anyway, if the Brummies want to shoot themselves in the foot, why should the far more discerning natives of the Black Country be forced to join in their suicide pact?

Either way, as with all plans aimed at discouraging motorists from driving into town – including car parking charges, pedestrianisation, or bus and cycle lanes – it will inevitably have one of two possible outcomes.

On the one hand, it might turn thousands of sceptical motorists into a bunch of tree-hugging, to-fu-eating environmentalists who will all embrace the change and will do their bit for the environment by jumping on their bikes and turning up to work dripping with sweat and dressed in synthetic yellow shorts.

Or, on the other hand, it might make them very angry and persuade them to take their custom, or their employment, elsewhere.

Now which, if you were the betting type, which would you soonest place your money on?

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THE X-Factor is back, with Cheryl what's her name joining former Spice Girl Mel B on the judging panel, and all the talk is about...zzzz. Sorry, must have fallen asleep.



Life around the Tipton/Bilston area in the 60s



On the canal in Tipton in 1961



Workers outside Bilston Steelworks at Spring Vale

# Shining light on our industrial heartland

**DANIEL WAINWRIGHT** tells how the Black Country Echoes Festival celebrates our manufacturing heritage

**BLACK by day, red by night, the land of 'perpetual twilight' – this is our home, the Black Country.**

Exhibitions, events, open days and more are shining the light on this industrial heartland that has given the world so much through its toil.

Following the success of the Black Country Festival, there will be 27 exhibitions and 87 events in more than 25 venues from now until January, with the majority taking place throughout September.

The Black Country Echoes Festival will celebrate the manufacturing heritage of the Black Country from the 20th century to the present day with a particular focus on the period since the Second World War.

## Iconic

A region that is still home to the highest density of manufacturing in the UK, the Black Country has been responsible for the production of some of the world's most ubiquitous products, from Chubb locks and Phoenix glassware, to the Queen's handbags.

One company, Chances Bros produced all the world's light house lenses and fog horns, then changed their manufacturing from glass to wartime production of TNT and cyanide and back to glass producing handkerchief vases in the 1950s.

The Black Country produced, and still produces parts for vehicles all over the world from tanks to factory machinery.

The festival will feature some of the region's iconic vehicles, from the rare Swallow Doretta made in Walsall and the



History of manufacturing – showing Josiah Parkes Factory

fun Frisky from Dudley, to the Villiers motorbikes from Wolverhampton and the fire engines from Simon Engineering in Dudley.

Exploring how this industrial heritage has shaped the architecture, social, cultural and economic landscape to create the distinctive character of the Black Country, the festival will bring to life the globally important area and its communities.

A programme of arts and photography exhibitions, heritage days, tours and canal boat trips, film screenings,

live music, vintage events and classic car weekends are showing what it has given the world and what it still has to offer.

Produced by WAVE, the galleries, museums and archives service in Wolverhampton, the Black Country Echoes Festival has an official launch on September 19. It will bring together more than 25 venues around the region, taking in Wolverhampton, Walsall, Sandwell and Dudley.

It will look at how the Black Country inspired the Lord of the Rings creator

JRR Tolkien in his imagining of Mordor, the dark land controlled by the evil Sauron, due to his abhorrence of industry.

The exhibition The Making of Mordor, will explore links between the Black Country's industrial landscape and Tolkien's fantasy fiction at Wolverhampton Art Gallery.

It will explore the artistic responses, from the early 1900s to present day, to the industrialisation of the Black Country and surrounding region, examining in particular the struggle for dominance between nature and industry.

In 1862, Elihu Burritt, the American Consul to Birmingham, described the region as "black by day and red by night".

And in his 1851 book Rides on Railways, Samuel Sidney, wrote: "In this Black Country... a perpetual twilight reigns during the day, and during the night fires on all sides light up the dark landscape with a fiery glow."

## Cinders

"The pleasant green of pastures is almost unknown, the streams, in which no fishes swim, are black and unwholesome; the natural dead flat is often broken by huge hills of cinders and spoil from the mines; the few trees are stunted and blasted; no birds are to be seen, except a few smoky sparrows; and for miles on miles a black waste spreads around, where furnaces continually smoke, steam-engines thud and hiss, and long chains clank, while blind gin-horses walk their doleful round."

Wolverhampton's Light House will present large-scale projections of the region's rich photography archive, including rarely seen work by Nick Hedges, John Bulmer, Peter Donnelly and water colour artist Arthur Lockwood, as well as the Jubilee Arts Archive.

Mr Bulmer was a photographer in 1961 when, aged 23, he was sent to the Black Country to document the Sixties in the north and outside of London for Town Magazine. He captured iconic images in streets in Tipton and Bilston.

## WEEK IN POLITICS

with Daniel Wainwright

ED Balls is something of a survivor. For years critics within his own party have been wanting him off the front bench, believing him to be a liability when it comes to Labour trying to get back into office.

The Tories enjoy painting the Shadow Chancellor as one of the men who crashed the car when Britain fell into recession. There was recently an unfortunate actual minor collision between his car and a parked one, after which he failed to stop and got fined £900, but that's not what they're on about.

Mr Balls' critics think he reeks of the failings of the past that saw Gordon Brown eventually turfed out of Number 10. Yet he seemed quite content out knocking doors in Hedsnesford as Labour mounts its assault on Cannock Chase – one of the key seats it has to win to have any hope of a majority next year.

He's wound up some within his party for ruling out the idea of tax rises to help fund the NHS. And he's dangled the prospect of Labour looking for some sort of exit from HS2 if the estimated costs increase again.

He's also prepared to admit his party's failings on immigration and acknowledges the need to tighten up on free movement within the European Union, particularly the ability to work in Britain then send tax credits to family in another country.

## Reassurance

This sort of talk, which should appeal to the centre ground and to those who are not natural Labour voters, does not sound like someone who is considered by some to be some sort of electoral Jonah aboard the party ship.

UKIP is taking votes off Labour as well as the Tories so Labour needs to be able to offer some reassurance that with Mr Balls in Number 11 and Ed Milliband in Number 10 there won't be a sudden tax raid on the 'squeezed middle'.

Ed Balls' line of attack has been knocked back a lot by figures that show the economy is growing again. He is now positioning himself as asking the question 'whose recovery is it anyway?' flagging up wages and the cost of living.

Whether voters are prepared to accept a key Brown ally at the Treasury again next year remains to be seen. But he's at least acknowledged that Labour can't win as a party of tax and spend.

Still on the subject of Ed Balls' visit to Staffordshire, his door knocking resulted in some very pleasant exchanges with some devoted Labour supporters.

Encouraging as I'm sure it was for the Shadow Chancellor, I couldn't help but think he might have done better to talk to a few people who voted Tory in 2010. Cannock Chase produced the biggest swing in the country to the Conservatives. They might have explained what it was they disliked so much about Labour.

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## Salmond 'big fish in small pond' idea

THE Scots have every reason to be proud, having made numerous invaluable contributions to the health and wealth of the United Kingdom and, through our empire, to the entire world.

The 'yes' lobby may have cause to lay claim to North Sea oil but they should be reminded that it was British companies and British tax payers who funded the infrastructures to explore and extract it. The 'yes' lobby is not only basing their future prosperity on an over-optimistic estimation of the financial impact of oil, they have

completely overlooked the most important factor in determining the success of nations. Economies rise or fall on how they are viewed by the rest of the world. If Scotland becomes independent, it would be little more than a very small country latched on to someone else's currency with no control over it. Mr Salmond may have ambitions to be the biggest fish in a small pond but in the global environment, size of the fish is irrelevant, it is the size of the pond that counts.

**M CLIFF  
WALL HEATH**

## Difficult to find toilets

SEVERAL times recently my wife and I have visited Dudley Market Place.

Main reason has been shopping and to visit Gregg's Cafe, but on the last couple of times, we have really looked for the reason for demolishing the old toilet block.

We were told that it would obstruct the view of the castle from the market. But I am inclined to buy a periscope which I could use 'sideways'.

Perhaps by raising the level of the market it will be possible to see over the shops on the left side of Castle Street, because the only other way is to stand almost on the doorstep of the Halifax building.

And how do the public find the new toilets in the old Levine's store? There are no directional signs in the market place.

**P COLE  
KINGSWINFORD**

## Strip them of passports

NIGEL Farage has hit the nail right on the head. He says strip the passports from the Muslims who have gone to fight with the terrorist organisations and not allow them back in this country. If they have gone fighting against our British principles then they should not be allowed to come back into the country.

We do not want future problems on our streets with these people. It is absolutely shocking what has happened to James Foley.

These militants are supposed to be religious people.

**B WHITEHOUSE  
KINGSWINFORD**

## Brussels or British first at the BBC?

WHO is running the BBC nowadays?

The organisation, once a highly-respected voice of truth, freedom and democracy, now seems to be better described as a propaganda machine.

For some time I have thought that the liberal left has far too much influence on programme content and presentation bias.

Examples of extreme and stupid political correctness are a regular event.

Most listeners with a reasonable level of commonsense realise that the corporation is, for example, blatantly anti-UKIP.

Now, I read that the EU pays the BBC substantial 'grants'.

With the last boss a retired EU commissioner, it is any wonder that it is also referred to by many as the Brussels Broadcasting Corporation?

**B LAWLEY  
BILSTON**

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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## A struggle to get answers from council

I REFER to Mr Shakespeare's 7th August letter regarding our council leader David Sparks and also to The Chronicle report of July 24th regarding the Muslims' intention to appeal over a Halesowen mosque.

I share Mr Shakespeare's concern over Mr Sparks' indifferent comments over council over-manning and its insult to taxpayers.

After reading the May 29 Chronicle report that a judge had granted the Dudley Muslim's leader yet another appeal over the Hall Street mosque, I wrote to Mr Sparks in Early June asking about the judge's comments and a letter of 2006 from the then council leader Andrew Spark on planning issues.

I received a nothingness

reply. After several attempts I finally got a letter stating that as litigation was ongoing the council could not comment further.

This has been going on for years and is costing us thousands. If the council had stuck to its buy back covenant none of this would be happening. Now we could get act one scene two in Halesowen.

Over another issue I wrote to cabinet member Hilary Bills, twice in July, once in August - to no avail. Finally a member of her envoi team did contact me.

In Dudley getting answers from our council members is proving at best difficult or at worst impossible!

**S HUNT  
DUDLEY**

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# Bikers roll out to honour Brandon



Brandon Carter memorial ride organisers Dave and Trish Brenton at Streetbike in Halesowen

HUNDREDS of motorcyclists rolled out to remember a cancer victim on a memorial ride to a popular bikers' cafe near Bridgnorth.

Brandon Carter, from Colley Gate, Cradley, died in May aged 27 after a battle against lung cancer.

Friends and family gathered to pay tribute to the biking enthusiast and replicate a ride which he took back in January when organisers set up an event for him to have the chance to ride on a Harley Davidson machine as one of his dying wishes.

Friends turned out to stage another ride on Sunday to raise money for Macmillan cancer care at Birmingham's Queen Elizabeth Hospital where he was treated.

His uncle Dave Brenton, aged 53, a retired policeman, also took part. Brandon's mother Carole Nevill watched on

as more than 400 riders set off from bike dealership Streetbike, on Mucklow Hill, Halesowen.

They set off led by one bike carrying photographs of Brandon and went to a bikers' cafe at Quatt in Shropshire.

The memorial ride took place as many of the group were unable to attend the burial which took place in Eastbourne - where Mr Carter originally lived.

His mother Carole, 55, said: "This is the first time I've been back here since we lost Brandon and I'm overwhelmed to see the people here who have come together for my son."

Mr Brenton, who now rides a Yamaha 950 Midnight Star Cruiser, added: "It is brilliant. When Brandon watched the Terminator and there was the Harley on it and ever since he saw that he wanted to ride on one."



Brandon's mum Carole Nevill at the event

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# On track for space age atrium at station

THIS is the first glimpse inside the giant atrium at Birmingham New Street station as demolition work continues as part of a £750million redevelopment project.

Although still very much a building site, it offers the chance to see how a huge glass roof will let light into the whole complex when it opens to the public in September next year.

When completed the eye-catching feature will cover an area the size of a football pitch and will overlook 12 platforms.

Around 140,000 passengers a day are expected to travel through the concourse every day.

Approximately 6,000 tons of reinforced concrete, which formed part of the original 1960s-style railway station, is being demolished to make way for the concourse space.

Over 95 per cent of the waste material will be re-used on site or recycled. The atrium roof was lowered into place last month to allow demolition work to start.

Also on track to open next autumn is the Grand Central Birmingham shopping centre which will be home to 60 stores including John Lewis, Cath Kidston, Fat Face and Monsoon Accessorize. There will also be restaurants and cafes. Brands including Giraffe, Carlucios, Caffé Concerto, Pho, Tortilla, Tapas Revolution, Crepe Affaire, Yo! Sushi and Square Pie will be among those opening.

Sir Albert Bore, the leader of Birmingham City Council said: "Grand Central will also be a great meeting point and with the range and variety of new restaurants it will give people an even wider choice of places to dine when they are here in the city for business or pleasure."



How the completed revamp to Birmingham New Street station will look



Under the new atrium in Birmingham, where the demolition work is ongoing

## Staff raise £21K for charity

THE NEC Group has raised more than £21,000 for its employee-elected charity of the year, HelpHarryHelpOthers.

Georgie Moseley, chairman and founder of HHHO, visited the Birmingham National Exhibition Centre, to receive the donation of £21,489.27 and was presented with a cheque decorated with beads like those used to

make the 'Harry bracelets' the charity is famous for.

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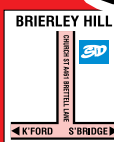
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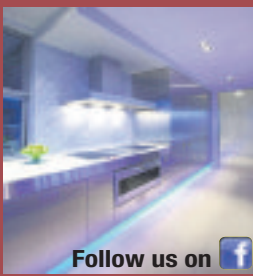
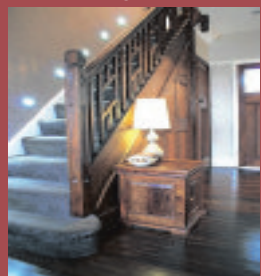
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20th food fest to attract thousands

UP TO 20,000 visitors will be descending on the south Shropshire town of Ludlow next weekend for the town's 20th annual food festival. Held in the grounds of the magnificent ruined castle, the three-day event will feature the best food and drink products from more than 180 exhibitors from the England-Wales border counties and beyond. Popular events include the sausage, loaf and ale trails, masterclasses with chefs and food experts and special events for children. The event is from September 12 to 14 with tickets starting at £8.50 adults and £2 children. Family tickets are available. See [www.foodfestival.co.uk](http://www.foodfestival.co.uk) for further details.

# Crime commissioner wants to switch speed cameras back on

**SPEED cameras could be turned back on in the Black Country as the new police and crime commissioner pledged to work on cutting down the number of people killed and injured on the roads.**

Following his appointment, David Jamieson said switching the fixed devices back one was one of his top priorities – despite West Midlands Police facing almost £100million of cuts over the next four years.

The 67-year-old former Labour transport minister said the cameras were proven to reduce fatalities on the roads and promised a fresh look at how pay for the cameras. But he admitted it was unlikely all cameras would be turned back on, promising only to turn on devices where there had been a casualty and the local community wanted them.

## Tenders sought on super hospital

BUSINESSES in the Black Country are being given the chance to tender for work at the planned £353 million Midland Metropolitan Hospital.

Health sector chiefs, procurement bosses and senior design teams from some of the UK's largest construction firms will be in West Bromwich on October 9. They will be looking at what local businesses have to offer them as they construct the 'super hospital' in Smethwick as part of the special event dubbed 'Meet The Hospital Bidders'.

Councillor Ian Jones, Sandwell Council's boss in charge of jobs and economy, said: "Our region's supply chain is admired across the world."

The event is being co-hosted by Sandwell Council, Birmingham City Council and Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust at the Bethel Convention Centre, Kelvin Way. Some of the construction world's biggest contractors are already signed up to exhibit including Balfour Beatty, Carillion and Skanska.

Exhibitors can take a stand for £150. Fill in the form at [www.surveymonkey.com/s/WMVH](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WMVH) and check the option for exhibition stand. To register, complete the form and email [stephen\\_massey@sandwell.gov.uk](mailto:stephen_massey@sandwell.gov.uk)

The pledge comes as a trial is being launched by the West Midlands Road Safety Partnership, which includes Birmingham City Council and West Midlands Police, for 12 fixed speed cameras in Birmingham.

Mr Jamieson said: "From 2001 to 2005, I was dealing with a road safety brief, we started to reel out cameras, with local people determining where they wanted to cameras to go. Unfortunately one of the first acts of the coalition Government was to stop that. The burden of costs fell with the police and councils and we ultimately saw the cameras switched off."

"I am hoping we can eventually find funding to put the cameras back in housing across the West Midlands, including the Black Country, where people need them."

Mr Jamieson said money raised by speeding motorists taking driver awareness courses could be spent on turning on some of the cameras. He added: "The culture on the road has changed – people now see speeding as unacceptable, when perhaps in the past it wasn't looked on so badly. A lot of people are extremely responsible but this is about making it difficult for those going too fast on our roads."

Mr Jamieson took over from Bob Jones as police and crime commissioner after Mr Jones died, aged 59 in July. He was voted in at a by-election which had a 10.41 per cent turn-out.

## Wan way or another, Gok is proud



Gok Wan with Lord Mayor of Birmingham Shafique Shah

HE left school at 15 and dropped out of college, but TV presenter and style guru Gok Wan can finally put 'regret to bed' after being awarded an honorary doctorate on Monday.

The 39-year-old from Leicester was watched by his parents John Tung Shing Wan and Myra when presented with the accolade from Birmingham City University at a graduation ceremony at ICC Birmingham.

Gok, who has worked in fashion industry for two decades, told more than 200 graduates that he was proud to receive the award. Having left school with no qualifications and dropping out of a London drama school, the doctorate gave Gok his first university recognition.

He said: "My regret was not competing my studying. I now feel like I am a graduate, it is precious to me because it feels like I am putting a regret to bed."

The former Hippodrome panto star added: "Birmingham has always been a massive part of my life. Mum and dad would bring us here and we would eat in Chinatown. There is something about Birmingham which is warm and friendly but also creative."

## Air-locks pledge in revision of wasteplan

A FRESH bid to build a waste plant in Brierley Hill has been launched despite a previous scheme being thrown out after residents campaigned against it.

Clean Power Properties has submitted a second planning application for a site off Moor Street, promising to address concerns over bad smells.

It says improved air control will 'further reinforce' its claim that the proposed plant would have no negative impact on the community.

### Impact

It is again likely to face opposition from the Say No To Waste campaign group.

Group member, Rachel Harris, also a councillor for Brierley Hill, said: "I don't believe these changes that Clean Power have proposed will fundamentally impact on the views of the residents."

"We do not think the development is suitable for the area."

In the revised application internal air-locks are proposed at three vehicle entrances to the building.

This is Clean Power's second application to Dudley Council after its initial proposals were thrown out amid concerns smells could waft over homes.

The six-acre plant could process about 195,000 tons of waste a year, creating energy for up to 10,000 homes.

The firm say it would create 34 jobs.



Grimefighter TV star Lew Carrington

## Come and meet our dentist Polly

As part of improvements for the patient experience at North Street a general dentistry practice works alongside the denture prescribing team. "This one-stop service has always been the case, but people are still finding out about North Street Dental Clinic," said principal Steven Burchell Dip CDT RCS(Eng) GDC108353. Dental surgeon Polly (GDC No 188090), a Doctor of Dental Medicine with a particular interest in restorative, cosmetic and paediatric fields, looks after the patients. She joined the

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# Star quality

## Lew gets last laugh with failing teeth

LEWIS Carrington was born to be a star. A natural funnyman, he won the nation's hearts in the TV documentary Grimefighters. Known as Lew to his friends, he laughs easily as he recalls his brush with fame and as the unlikely adopted ambassador for the city of Wolverhampton. Topping 1,500 members of his Grimefighters' Fan Club on social networking website Facebook, Lew had his supporters clamouring for him to appear in the New Year's Honours list. Still a well-known character on the city streets four years after sharing his unique take on life before the cameras, Lew is now enjoying retirement from his life of grime

and a cameo appearance on Harry Hill's Get Toasted. But hidden beneath the smiles and priceless one-liners, the jovial comic genius was struggling with another often-comedic subject – dentures. And indirectly, the former environmental waste operative owes his celebrity status to an ill-fitting set of them. "I could have retired from the council earlier, but wanted to save enough money to get my problem fixed," says Lew. Wife Gill adds: "He'd seen the stories in the papers about how other people had their problems sorted out and had also done a lot of internet research."

Lew, aged 67, of Wednesfield, was cared for by Steven Burchell Dip CDT RCS(Eng) GDC108353, principal at the Denture Clinic and Jonathon Pugh BDS MSc (Implant Dentistry) GDC 62663, principal of Total Implant Solutions in Tettenhall Road, Wolverhampton.

### Friendly staff

The two clinicians share a long-standing working relationship. Says Lew: "I was using a bucket-load of fixative just to keep my teeth in. They'd be okay for half-an-hour and then they'd be dancing all over the place."

"My top denture wasn't too bad, but the lower moved all around with eating and laughing was risky. I'd had the trouble for years – every time I'd have a bit of tough steak, I was done for. "I was a bit apprehensive, but I need not have been. I had two implants to stabilise my lower denture and I never felt a thing. I expected a lot of discomfort, but after a couple of days I was absolutely fine. "Steve made me the over-dentures for the bottom and a new top set of teeth. They are absolutely great. Nothing was too much trouble for any of the friendly staff and going to see Steve was a pleasure. "Going to the dentist had never been

so good and I am over the moon with the results." On his star role in Grimefighters, Lew recalls: "There were some funny moments. We'd had a call to pick up a dead cat in Penfields. They said the animal was on the end of a drive. I looked everywhere and couldn't see it. "There was a charity collection going on in the road where people had left clothing in bags for pick up. By the time I'd found out that the cat had been put into one of them, it had been collected by the charity and the van was disappearing down the road. "Somebody was going to get a surprise," adds Lew with a wry smile.

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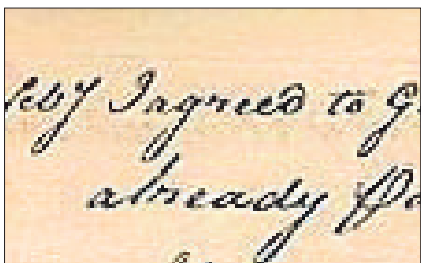
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A painting of George Africanus out hunting



Visitors from Nottingham look through documents at the Wolverhampton Archive



Section of a diary entry by George Molineux



Molineux House viewed from the rear in 1871

# Bought as a slave, the Molineux family put him on road to success

HE was bought as a slave to the influential Molineux family. But George Africanus went on to become one of the Midlands most successful businessmen, forming an employment agency for domestic staff.

Now the remarkable life of Africanus could soon form part of the history curriculum in schools following a lottery-funded project researching his rags to riches story.

It is thought George Africanus was probably brought by a Bristol sea captain from Sierra Leone in 1763, and given as a present to the wealthy Molineux family, who had made their fortune as ironmasters and bankers. Benjamin Molineux, whose father John had set up as an ironmaster in Horseley Fields, Wolverhampton, acquired the sprawling Molineux House in Tup Street in 1732, as part of a deal worth £700.

And it was here where George Africanus' spent his formative years. Ordinarily, somebody of his background would have become just another downtrodden slave. However Benjamin Molineux and his son George appeared to demonstrate an unusual benevolence, treating him almost as a member of their own family.

## MEMORY LANE

By Mark Andrews

He was taught to read and write, trained as a hairdresser, and was even allowed to take up an apprenticeship as a brass founder.

Now, a party of historians based in Nottingham, where Africanus made his money, travelled to Wolverhampton to see documents relating to his early life - at the archives centre at Molineux House, where Africanus spent his formative years. Nine members from the Belong Nottingham charity, which looks at aspects of ethnic minority culture in the city, called into the

Wolverhampton Archive Centre to see the documents it held.

The group has secured a £69,000 lottery grant which it is using to develop a teaching programme to be used in schools.

The earliest record relating to him states that he was baptised at St Peter's Church on March 31, 1766, and this may have been a clue to the family's intentions.

## Belief

Wolverhampton playwright and historian Jefny Ashcroft, who has researched his life, said: "It was a commonly held belief at the time that if a slave had been baptised they were legally a free person. Thus the Molineuxs may have deliberately had George christened to show their future good intentions."

At the age of 14 the family arranged for him to take up an apprenticeship with a Wolverhampton brass-founder, and the skills he learned put him in good stead for when in 1784 he set off for a new life in Nottingham, at the age of 21.

The family had connections in Nottingham and Africanus used the variety of skills he learned in Wolverhampton to make his way in Nottingham, taking up jobs as a waiter, hairdresser, and in a brass foundry, and in 1878 he was sufficiently well established to marry a local woman, Esther Shaw.

He invested in property, which he rented out, and this also allowed him to vote as a 'freeman', as well as enabling him to serve on the local Watch Committee.

And when it became evident that slavery was going to be abolished in 1772, the enterprising former slave spotted a business opportunity.

As slave owners started getting rid of their servants, often turning them penniless out onto the streets, he and his wife Esther set up an employment agency placing destitute ex-slaves in paid positions as servants.

George returned to Wolverhampton, perhaps for the last time, in 1800, bringing his child, Sarah to be baptised at St Peter's church. He died in 1834.

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Council chiefs say the equipment, which enables less material to be used, could save the authority around £75,000 each year.

The new method of fixing potholes uses equipment which only removes the necessary material required for a repair.

This contrasts to the conventional technique where deeper holes are created, meaning more materials are needed to fill it in. It is also said to be more environmentally sound as the dug-up road material will be stored by the new machines and recycled to use to fill in holes elsewhere.

Councillor Khurshid Ahmed, cabinet member responsible for transportation, said: "This is a great result. It is well-known that we are receiving reduced government funds, so it is vital that we continue to find shrewd ways of saving money, while improving our performance. This new equipment will save not only money for taxpayers, but it will also save time and make less noise for passers-by."

Earlier this year Dudley Council was awarded a government grant of £567,000 to carry out repairs.

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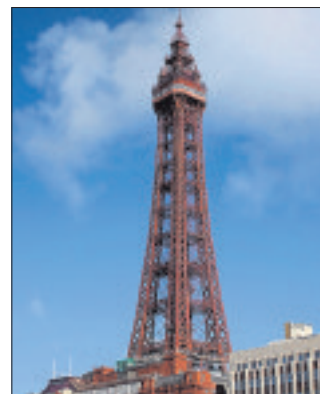
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## More new homes are registered

The number of new homes registered in the West Midlands was up by 14.8 per cent from May to July.

The increase was well ahead of the national average with the number registered in the region up from 2,795 in the same three months last year to 3,211.

Across the UK in May to July the rise was one per cent according to figures from the National House Building Council which showed there were 38,099 registered in total, compared to 37,738 in 2013.

The private sector continues to drive overall growth with numbers up nearly seven per cent nationally from 27,028 to 28,861 with the public sector down on 2013 levels by 14 per cent from 10,710 to 9,238.

NHBC's chief executive Mike Quinton said: "Our latest statistics continue the trend seen during the year to date, with monthly volumes remaining steady and consolidating on last year's overall levels."

# Fresh talks over future of mental health services

## A NEW consultation is being held over the future of a drop-in centre for people who suffer mental health problems in Dudley.

People who use Dove House have also started to apply for grants and intend to hold fundraising events to keep the centre open.

It comes after charity Dudley Mind, which runs the centre, revealed plans earlier this year to end drop-in centre services at Dove House.

### Upset

The move upset people who regularly had sessions at Dove House, which is based on the grounds of Dudley's Bushey Fields Hospital.

The centre provides a range of day activities and also serves as a meeting place each week for those who use it.

The charity said it wanted to move its

services into the community as part of a new programme called Empowering Recovery in the Community.

Under the scheme, the drop-in facilities would be run at other locations, such as community centres, and peer support groups will also be started.

A weekly advice and support surgery was also planned.

The building, in Bushey Fields Road, on the Russells Hall estate, would then be taken over for use by inpatients from the hospital's wards during the run-up to leaving hospital.

But the charity put the plans on hold after campaigners held public protests against the move.

A new consultation meeting was due to take place this week at Dove House to discuss the issue.

Campaigners were expected to attend along with health bosses and officials from Dudley Mind.

## Bikers rev up with cash to help youngster



Parents Nicky Wedgbury and Shane Beardsmore along with son Charlie Wedgbury and biker fundraisers

SCORES of bikers took part in a charity ride for a youngster and have almost doubled their fundraising target.

Members of Sandwell Bikers Club rode to Quatt in Shropshire to where they had a collection for Charlie Wedgbury, from Wednesbury, before heading back to the Old Mill Pub in Rydings Lane for a fundraising day.

Charlie has cerebral palsy and needs a special seat and sensory equipment to help him.

There were raffles, collections and

a band helping raise money for the four-year-old, while his father Shane Beardsmore shaved off his long locks to help raise more money.

### Roundabout

Organiser Mark Beasley said the group had hoped to raise around £1,000 over the day but had raised £1,800 with more money still coming in.

He said: "We had a great ride down to Quatt and there was about 60 or

70 bikes who came down with us. We went there partly because it is a nice ride but also partly because there are other biker groups who meet at a cafe and we knew they would all chip in."

Mr Beasley said: "We just want to raise as much money as possible really because the more money we raise the more equipment they can buy for Charlie. We decided to raise money for him because he is the grandson of one of the founders of the club"

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Course title	Day	Start	Time	Weeks	Cost
<b>Flower arranging - beginners</b>	Mon	22 Sept	7-8.30pm	6	£22.50
<b>Choral Singing for Beginners</b>	Mon	22 Sept	6-7.30pm	10	£37.50
<b>Yoga</b>	Mon	22 Sept	7.30- 8.30pm	10	£37.50
<b>Yoga and meditation</b>	Mon	22 Sept	6-7.30pm	10	£50
<b>Drama</b>	Tues	23 Sept	7-9pm	10	£50
<b>Black Country Crafts</b>	Tues	23 Sept	7-9pm	10	£50
<b>Guitar - learn from the legends</b>	Tues	23 Sept	7-9pm	10	£50
<b>Photography</b>	Tues	23 Sept	7-9pm	10	£50
<b>Pottery - all levels</b>	Tues	23 Sept	7-9pm	10	£50
<b>Pilates - beginners</b>	Tues	23 Sept	6.30-8pm	10	£37.50
<b>French - intermediate/advanced</b>	Wed	24 Sept	7-9pm	10	£50
<b>Portrait painting</b>	Wed	24 Sept	7-9pm	10	£50
<b>Water colours - all levels</b>	Wed	24 Sept	7-9pm	10	£50
<b>Get Cooking</b>	Tue	23 Sept	1-3pm	7	free
<b>Sign Language</b>	Wed	24 Sept	6.30- 8.30pm	5	£25.00
<b>Indian Cuisine</b>	Wed	1 Oct	6-8pm	4	£20.00
<b>Water colours - intermediate</b>	Fri	26 Sept	2-4.30pm	10	£50

### ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages)

We are offering both beginners and advanced classes (entry1/entry2). The e1/e2 class also covers employment.

**Enrolment - contact Kath Glazzard on 01384 816495**

**Cost: £162** - courses are free for those in receipt of benefits (please bring ID and a recent benefits letter).

**Time: 9.30am to 2.50pm**

**Start date: Class is every Monday and Tuesday starting 8 September 2014**

**Venue: Valley Road Community Centre, Providence Street, Lye**

### Adult Social Care Level 1

This programme is suitable for those wishing to obtain a basic knowledge of working in the adult social care sector.

**Starts Wednesday 24 September 2014 7.00-9.00 12 weeks £75**

### Award in Education and Training

This programme is a first rung introduction to teaching in the adult learning sector.

**Starts Monday 22 September 2014 7.00-8.30pm 12 weeks £316**

### Support Work in Schools

This programme is suitable for those considering working in schools.

**Starts Tuesday 23 September 2014 6.30-8.30. 12 weeks £341**

### Introduction to SIA Security Guard Training

For work in the Security Sector.

**Starts Monday 22 Sept 2014 7-9pm £75.00**

### Keeping Up with the Children

Maths or English. A 6 week programme to give you an understanding of what your child will be learning in school and how to support your child's learning at home.

**Starts Wednesday 24 September 2014 6.30-8.30pm**

**£12** - concessions are available for people on certain benefits.

### Functional Skills Maths

Learn new skills and gain confidence with numbers and work towards a qualification up to level 2.

**Starts Monday 22 September 2014 6.30-8.30pm Free**

### Functional Skills English

Learn new skills and gain confidence with reading, writing, speaking and listening and work towards a qualification up to level 2.

**Starts Tuesday 23 September 2014 6.30-8.30pm Free**

**For further information contact  
Kath Glazzard on 01384 816495**

For details of courses in other areas pick up a copy of our latest brochure from your library or go on line at [www.dudley.gov.uk/adultlearning](http://www.dudley.gov.uk/adultlearning)

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# Bid to preserve a town's stained glass war memorial

AN APPEAL has been launched to help preserve an important glass First World War memorial.

The stained glass window carries the names of 64 men from Langley who were killed in the Great War. It has been removed from its home in St Michael and All Angels Church, Causeway Green Road, Langley Green, after it was bought and redeveloped, and is currently in a garage in Smethwick.

Dr Terry Daniels, who is looking after the three-panel window, said the Langley Local History Society is looking to raise £10,000 so it can be stored safely and displayed in the nearby Zion United Reformed Church.

Dr Daniels said: "It's the only memorial that has the names for people in Langley killed during the war on it. In a sense it is owned by the peo-

ple of Langley who contributed to its purchase in 1920."

He added that not every man from Langley is named on the memorial, it is not known why, but the society is planning to carry out research on every one for a book. The group will be making an application for a Heritage Lottery Grant to fund part of the project, but would still welcome donations. Once the money is raised, the three panels of the window will be mounted in metal frames with integral LED back-lighting.

Along with the window, the memorial cross which stood outside the church is also on the move. The stone statue will be rededicated in the Langley's High Street, in the grounds of the Ebenezer Wesleyan Reform Church.

To find out more or donate, see [www.historyofoldbury.co.uk](http://www.historyofoldbury.co.uk)



Terry Daniels and Lynn Paynter from Langley History Society with one of the glass panels

# Lorries to line up for charity convoy

A CONVOY of around 40 lorries will take over the streets of the Black Country next week in a bid to raise awareness of organ donation.

The fleet will travel from Hilton Services on the M6 and through Wolverhampton, Wednesbury and West Bromwich on September 13, before finishing at Kingfisher Hotel in Kingswinford, where a charity night will be held.

The event has been organised by lorry driver Andrew Day, from Dudley, who wants to raise awareness of the importance of organ donations following a life-saving transplant his wife, Rachel, had in 2006.

Mr Day, aged 42, said: "We'll leave the services at about 2pm and will be at the hotel for around 4.30pm."

Mrs Day suffers from autoimmune liver disease and said she had weeks to live when a donor was found for her over the Christmas period in 2006.

The money raised will go to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital's liver foundation.

For further information search 'Kingswinford Charity Truck Convoy' on Facebook.

# £1.3m plan on track to ease rail car parking

WORK on a £1.3 million scheme to extend the park and ride service at Stourbridge Junction railway station and create an extra 178 parking spaces will get under way before the end of the year.

Centro is working to appoint a contractor to develop land to the north of the current overflow car park in Rufford Road.

The proposals follow a rising demand for spaces as both the main car park, off Chawn Hill, and the overflow site are full to capacity.

Plans for the scheme were approved last year. Centro spokesman Steve Swingle confirmed work would start later this year and a contractor was due to be appointed in the coming weeks.

## Storage

The new site is located between the Birmingham and Worcester rail track and industrial units on Rufford Road.

The site is owned by Centro and is currently only used for the storage of bus shelters and general waste.

As well as the new spaces, there will be a covered walkway for customers. CCTV cameras and lights will also be installed as well as a Help Point facility linked to the Network Safety and Security Centre.

The main car park has 381 spaces and the overflow car park has 401 spaces. But there is a large demand for the spaces with the car parks often full to capacity by the end of the morning rush hour. Nearby roads also become clogged with

By Heather Large

cars left by commuters. The planning application, submitted by Centro senior project manager Duncan Fry, said: "Observations show that both car parks are operating at capacity with several vehicles parking in spaces not marked for spaces and further on street parking on Rufford Road."

The work has been welcomed by members of Stourbridge Line User Group (SLUG) who say the car park extension will help to meet demand from commuters.

The group is currently campaigning for Saturday evening train from London Marylebone to Stourbridge, a new station building at Kidderminster and better connections to and from the Stourbridge Town shuttle service.

Stourbridge MP Margot James has also welcomed the revamp work at Stourbridge Junction.

Centro received a £2m grant towards work at the site and also Kings Norton station, in Birmingham, and Four Oaks, in Sutton Coldfield.

# Group is to recruit 20 more drivers at depot

A WAREHOUSE and logistics group is taking on 20 new drivers for its West Midlands depot.

Gregory Distribution has launched a recruitment drive in the wake of recent growth and strategic acquisitions.

The group, which includes Kay Transport and Hayton Coultard Transport, currently employs nearly 1,500 people over 22 sites nationwide, but estimates it could require more than 100 new recruits over the next 12 months.

It is to take on 20 at the Minworth depot, near Castle Bromwich.

Chief executive John Gregory said: "We have grown by 30 per cent over the last three years. We have now identified further areas of the business that require new recruits, including drivers. Many members of our management teams have risen to their current positions having started as drivers."

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- Entrance to the Best Mate enclosure
- Visit to Bath
- Services of a tour driver
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## Classical Spectacular at the Royal Albert Hall

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## Christmas at Chatsworth

Two days departing November 15

★ **PRICE FROM** **£119**

- Return coach travel
- Overnight half-board accommodation
- Entrance to Chatsworth House and Gardens
- Visit to Meadowhall Shopping Centre
- Services of a tour driver
- Single rooms subject to availability - supplement applies

Organised by Diamond Holidays (ABTA W0552)

## Grassington Dickensian Festival

Two days departing December 6

★ **PRICE FROM** **£109.<sup>95</sup>**

- Return coach travel
- Overnight half-board accommodation
- Visit to Grassington Dickensian Festival
- Visit to Manchester Christmas Markets
- Services of a coach driver/tour representative
- Single rooms subject to availability - supplement applies

Organised by Omega Short Breaks (ABTA Y5914)

## Bath Christmas Markets

Two days departing December 6

★ **PRICE FROM** **£99**

- Return coach travel
- Overnight half-board accommodation
- Visit to Bath Christmas market
- Visit to the McArthurGlen Shopping Outlet
- Services of a tour driver
- Single rooms subject to availability - supplement applies

Organised by Diamond Holidays (ABTA W0552)

## Christmas in Bournemouth

Five days departing December 23

★ **PRICE FROM** **£399**

- Return coach travel
- Four nights half-board accommodation
- Traditional Christmas Day lunch
- Visits to Salisbury, Poole, Swanage and Winchester
- Tour of the New Forest National Park
- Free time in Bournemouth
- Entertainment programme
- Single rooms subject to availability - supplement applies

Organised by Diamond Holidays (ABTA W0552)

## London Theatre by coach

Two days selected weekend departure dates



★ **PRICE FROM** **£139.<sup>95</sup>**

London is the natural home of theatre and the musical is king in the capital's world-famous West End. British musicals that prove a runaway success here often go on to triumph on Broadway and around the globe.

The winning combination of engaging writing, captivating stage design and commanding performance has enabled London theatres to achieve box office smashes time and time again. And it's the songs that make people return to the capital a number of times and some of the most well-known tunes have become part of the national canvas.

There are two options travelling by coach from which to choose, Saturday Night Theatre or Dine and Dance.

The Saturday Night Theatre break, from £139.95, includes a ticket for the evening show whereas the Dine and Dance option starts from £149.95, and includes an evening meal with an after-dinner disco. The ticket for this break is for the matinee performance.

Both trips include return coach travel, a choice of theatre ticket from an extensive list of shows, overnight bed and breakfast accommodation in an outer-London four-star hotel, along with some free time in the capital for shopping or sightseeing.

Pick-ups offered are Dudley, Shrewsbury, Telford, Walsall and Wolverhampton.

\*From price and price bands vary for each show - see brochure/web page for details.

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Organised by Omega Events (ABTA Y590X)

## Canada's Maple Leaf Trail

Eight days various departure dates 2015 and 2016



★ **PRICE FROM** **£999**

This popular escorted tour showcases the best of Canada's eastern cities and surrounding countryside along with an included visit to one of the world's greatest natural wonders.

Niagara Falls is the first destination for a two night stay. This resort offers a host of diversions, with its many shops, bars and restaurants in addition to the magnetic, mesmerising draw of the falls. Optional excursions include an exhilarating helicopter flight for a birds eye view, or take lunch or dinner in a choice of restaurant vantage points overlooking the magnificent Falls.

Travel around the shores of Lake Ontario, via the town of Niagara-on-the-lake, one of Canada's oldest settlements, to the historic city of Toronto for an overnight stay. Maybe join the optional guided city tour or explore this lake-front city, with its 11 kilometres of interconnected climate controlled shopping and entertainment malls.

Head along the Maple Leaf Trail following Lake Ontario's northern shore past attractive Kingston for some time in Ottawa - Canada's beautiful capital with its Victorian houses and famous Rideau Canal.

Continue to the great French Canadian province of Québec and to Montréal, Canada's second largest settlement for a three night stay. Optional excursions include a guided tour of the city plus a Maple delights dinner excursion.

A trip to North America's only walled city, Québec, is also included here with plenty of free time to explore the UNESCO-listed Vieux-Québec, its countless monuments, churches, 16th and 17th century buildings plus stunning views of the mighty St Lawrence river from the city's ancient ramparts.

### INFO

- Return flights
- Six nights room-only hotel accommodation
- Stays in Niagara Falls, Toronto and Montréal
- Included excursion to Québec city
- Journey along the Maple Leaf Trail
- Visit to Ottawa
- Coach travel throughout in Canada
- Fully escorted by a tour manager in Canada
- Single rooms subject to availability - supplement applies

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Improvers:	Tues. 16 Sept.	19.00-21.00.	12 wks	£66.25#
Inters:	Mon. 15 Sept.	19.00-21.00.	12 wks	£66.25#
Advanced:	Thurs 18 Sept.	19.00-21.00.	12 wks	£66.25#

#### ITALIAN: BEGINNERS

	Mon 15 Sept.	14.30-16.30.	6 wks	£33.10#
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#### MANDARIN : BEGINNERS

	Tues 16 Sept.	19.00-21.00.	12 wks	£66.25 #
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#### ARABIC: BEGINNERS

	Mon 15 Sept.	12.00-14.00.	10 wks	£55.20#
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### ARTS AND CRAFTS

#### PAINTING AND DRAWING

suitable for all levels

	Tues 16 Sept.	19.00 - 21.00.	12 wks.	£66.25#
	Wed 17 Sept.	09.30 - 11.30.	12 wks.	£66.25#
	Thurs 18 Sept.	10.00-12.00.	12 wks.	£66.25#
	Thurs 18 Sept.	13.30- 15.30.	12wks.	£66.25#

#### WATERCOLOURS FOR BEGINNERS

	Mon 6 Oct.	14.30-16.30.	3 wks.	£24.00#
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#### DRAWING FOR BEGINNERS

	Mon 3 Nov.	14.30-16.30.	3 wks.	£24.00#
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#### JEWELLERY MAKING

	Mon 3 Nov.	19.00-21.00.	3 wks	£24.00# or
	Tues 4 Nov.	14.30-16.30.	3 wks.	£24.00#

#### CALLIGRAPHY

Arabic artistic writing

	Tues 4 Nov.	17.30-18.30.	6 wks	£24.00#
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#### CANAL ART

	Tues 4 Nov.	14.30-16.30.	3 wks	£24.00#
or	Mon 24 Nov.	19.00-21.00	3 wks	£24.00#

#### CREATIVE WRITING

	Mon 22 Sept.	19.00-21.00.	5 wks	£27.60#
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#### SAPPHO TO 'SHADES'

	Tues 16 Sept.	19.00-21.00.	10 wks	£55.20#
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#### LEARN TO SCULPT IN STONE

	Tues 16 Sept.	19.00 - 21.00.	6 wks.	£50.40#
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#### FACE PAINTING AND GLITTER TATTOOS

Improvers:	Thurs 18 Sept.	19.00-21.00.	6 wks.	£39.15# (£14.30)
Beginners:	Mon 15 Sept.	19.00-21.00	6 wks	£39.15# (£14.30)

### HANDICRAFTS

#### UPHOLSTERY

suitable for all levels

	Mon 15 Sept.	19.00-21.00.	12wks	£69.25#
	Tues 16 Sept.	12.00-14.00.	12wks	£69.25#
	Wed 17 Sept.	12.00-14.00.	12 wks	£69.25#

#### PATCHWORK

(Improvers)

	Mon 15 Sept.	19.00-21.00	12wks	£69.25#
	Wed 17 Sept.	14.30-16.30	12 wks.	£69.25#

#### NEW! PATCHWORK - Beginners

	Tues 16 Sept	14.30-16.30	6 wks	£33.10#
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#### SEWING MADE SIMPLE

	Thurs 18 Sept.	18.00-20.00.	12 wks.	£ 66.25#
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#### NEW! HOW TO USE A SEWING MACHINE

	Tues 16 Sept.	09.30-11.30.	3 wks.	£24.00#
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#### NEW! HOW TO USE AN OVERLOCKER

	Tues 7 Oct.	09.30-11.30.	3 wks.	£24.00#
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#### NEW! HOW TO STITCH BY HAND/MACHINE

	Tues 4 Nov.	09.30-11.30.	3 wks.	£24.00#
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#### NEW! EMBROIDERY FOR BEGINNERS

	Tues 25 Nov.	09.30-11.30	3 wks	£24.00#
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### QUALIFICATIONS

#### FREE Maths and English GCSE qualifications

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#### DUDLEY MBC INDUCTION TRAINING FOR POOLSIDE ASSISTANTS

	Mon 1 Sept.	09.00-12.00.	3hrs	£19.20
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### HEALTH AND FITNESS

#### PILATES

Beginners:	Thurs 18 Sept.	18.00-19.00.	12 wks.	£37.95#
Beg.@ Oakfield:	Fri 19 Sept.	10.00-11.00.	12 wks	£45.40#
Improvers:	Tues 16 Sept.	19.00-20.00.	12 wks.	£37.95
Improvers:	Wed 17 Sept.	18.30-19.30.	12 wks.	£37.95
Improvers:	Thurs 18 Sept.	19.05-20.05.	12 wks.	£37.95
Improvers:	Thurs 18 Sept.	20.10-21.10.	12 wks.	£37.95

#### NEW-FITNESS YOGA

	Tues 16 Sept.	20.05-21.05.	12 wks.	£37.95
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#### ADULT SWIMMING LESSONS:

Beginners:	Mon. 15 Sept	19.00-19.45.	12 wks	£37.80#
Improvers:	Mon. 15 Sept	19.45-20.30.	12 wks	£37.80#
Inter/Adv	Mon. 15 Sept	20.30-21.15.	12 wks	£37.80#

### MUSIC

#### PLAY THE GUITAR

Intermediates:	Mon. 15 Sept.	19.00-21.00	12 wks.	£66.25#
Improvers:	Tues. 16 Sept	19.00-21.00	12 wks.	£66.25#
Beginners (2):	Thurs. 25 Sept.	19.00-20.00	10 wks.	£37.80#
Beginners (1):	Thurs.25 Sept.	20.00-21.00	10 wks.	£37.80#

#### PLAY THE GUITAR FOR CHILDREN (8YRS+)

Beginners (1)	Mon 15 Sept	16.45-17.45	6 wks	£54.90
Beginners (2)	Mon 15 Sept	17.45-18.45	6 wks	£54.90
Improvers	Thurs 18 Sept	17.45-18.45	12 wks	£60.00

### DANCE

#### NEW—CHANCE TO DANCE FIT—TASTER

	Tues 30 Sept	19.00-20.30	1 wk	FREE
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#### NEW—CHANCE TO DANCE FIT

	Tues 7 Oct	19.00-20.00	9 wks	£28.45#
	Tues 7 Oct	20.00-21.00	9 wks	£28.45#

#### BALLROOM & LATIN AMERICAN DANCING

Beginners	Mon 15 Sept	18.45-19.45	12 wks	£43.95
Improvers	Mon 15 Sept	19.45-21.00	12 wks	£54.90

### BASIC COMPUTER COURSES

#### COMPUTING : THE BASICS

	Tues 4 Nov.	14.30-16.30	3wks	£24.00#
or	Tues 4 Nov.	19.00-21.00.	3 wks	£24.00#

#### COMPUTING SKILLS: INTERNET+ E MAIL

	Tues 25 Nov.	14.30-16.30	3 wks	£24.00#
or	Tues 25 Nov.	19.00-21.00	3 wks	£24.00#

### COMPUTER COURSES

(Basic computer and internet skills are required)

#### GETTING THE MOST FROM YOUR ANDROID SMARTPHONE:

	Mon 22 Sept.	12.00-14.00	5 wks.	£37.80#
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#### PHOTOSHOP - AN INTRODUCTION (1)

	Mon 15 Sept.	09.30-11.30.	6 wks.	£45.40#
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#### PHOTOSHOP - AN INTRODUCTION (2)

	Mon 17 Nov.	09.30-11.30.	6 wks.	£45.40#
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#### BUILD YOUR OWN WEBSITE

	Wed 5 Nov.	09.00-11.30	6 wks.	£52.95#
or	Thurs 6 Nov.	18.30-21.00	6 wks	£52.95#

#### MASTERING YOUR ANDROID TABLET

	Mon 15 Sept.	19.00-21.00	5 wks	£37.80#
or	Mon 3 Nov.	12.00-14.00	5 wks	£37.80#

#### BUYING AND SELLING ON E-BAY

	Mon 3 Nov.	19.00-21.00.	4wks	£30.25#
	Wed 1 Oct.	09.30-11.30.	4 wks.	£30.25#

### PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

#### AN INTRODUCTION TO FAMILY HISTORY

	Mon 15 Sept	14.30-16.30	5 wks.	£42.90#
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#### MAKE UP FOR BEGINNERS

	Thurs 6 Nov.	14.30-16.30	3 wks.	£24.00#
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#### MEDITATION

	Thurs 6 Nov.	19.00-20.30.	4 wks.	£22.70#
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#### FREE 2B ME

Level 1:	Thurs 18 Sept.	19.00-21.00	5 wks.	£27.60#
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**Course Dates:** Courses are suspended during 27th Oct. to 2nd Nov. unless stated otherwise

**This programme is subject to change:** particularly if we are unable to recruit minimum class numbers.

Whilst every effort is made to ensure that this programme and the pricing is accurate at the time of publication, changes and errors may occur. We reserve the right to amend details as required.

### FAMILY LEARNING

The price includes a place for one adult (aged over 19) and a child.

#### TEACH YOUR CHILD TO SWIM

Children 18 mths-4yrs

	Fri 19 Sept.	10.30-11.15.	12 wks	£45.00#
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#### HOLIDAY FRENCH

Children 7-11yrs

	Mon 15 Sept.	17.30-18.30.	5 wks	£25.00#
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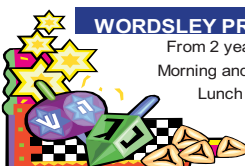
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## Perfect Therapy for punk fans

THE punk vocalist from Britpop rockers Therapy? will line up in Wolverhampton for an acoustic gig at the city's Slade Rooms.

Andy Cairns has been a figure on the world's rock scene for the past two decades and is looking forward to embarking on a new chapter in his career. He will feature in Wolverhampton on September 18.

Therapy? opened their account in 1990 with the release of their incendiary first 7in single Meat Abstract.

Uniting punks, metalheads, indie kids and everyone in-between with their un-pigeonhole-able and unmistakable sound, the Ballyclare, Northern Ireland-born musicians happily straddled multiple genres over the course of 13 studio albums.

They were inspired by the likes of Captain Beefheart and The Ramones.

## Howard tour to stop off at Civic

TICKETS for a gig by singer-songwriter Ben Howard at Wolverhampton's Civic Hall have gone on sale.

Howard will be appearing on December 4 as part of his I Forget Where We Were tour. The star is planning just six shows in support of his second album of the same name.

He will kick off his tour in Manchester on December 3 and conclude with two nights at London's Brixton Academy on December 10 and 11.

Howard will release his second album on October 20 through Island Records.

# Black Country bluesman Sunjay taking his mojo to the nation

## Festival is sheer poetry

SOME of Britain's best writers will line up in the West Midlands for the Birmingham Literature Festival.

The event runs from October 2-11 and will feature Wolverhampton's very own Meera Syal.

She will be joined by Owen Jones, Satnam Sanghera, Jackie Kay, Roger McGough, Stephen Knight, Janet Suzman and Sophie Hannah.

The Birmingham Literature Festival promises a 10-day takeover of the Library of Birmingham. It is being launched on National Poetry Day, when poet and novelist Jackie Kay will kick off the event in style.

Tickets for all events have now gone on sale and there will be numerous highlights, including the festival's fourth 'Urban Sermon', on October 8, with political activist, weekly Guardian columnist and best-selling author Owen Jones.



Wolverhampton's Meera Syal to feature

STOURBRIDGE'S coolest adopted son Sunjay Brayne is on his new album tour after officially launching his On the Road gigs at Shrewsbury Folk Festival last month.

The eponymously named Sunjay is the 20-year-old Derby-born blues/acoustic musician's third album and is officially released on September 29.

Apart from Brayne's remarkable talent as a blues guitar player, the album features renowned musicians such as banjo player Dan Walsh, singer and fiddle player Katriona Gilmore and cellist and vocalist Sarah Smout.

Brayne said: "I'm thrilled to be hitting the road with the new album. It was a real privilege to work with such great musicians, and a lot of fun."

He also runs the Stourbridge Folk Club which is based at Katie Fitzgerald's a traditional pub in Envile Street, Stourbridge.

The album is a mixture of traditional blues tunes and well-known ballads given the Brayne treatment.

Winner of the Wath Festival Young Performers Award, nominated for the BBC Radio 2 Young Folk Award and a finalist in the New Roots Competition, he has caught the eyes and ears of many venues and festivals across the country.

## Legendary

Brayne has been playing guitar since the age of four and has recently finished an extensive nationwide tour supporting the legendary Steeleye Span.

He has now embarked on a nationwide tour of his own, which will include venues around his native Midlands, throughout 2014.

On September 19 Brayne is at the Woodman Folk Club in Stourbridge and then on 25th at his own Stourbridge Folk Club supporting folk ambassador Phil Beer.

The following night, 26th, Brayne is playing at Tamworth Folk Club. On October 2 he will be at The Robin? in Bilston, Wolverhampton supporting John Illsley and then on then on October 5 he will be heading back to his birthplace to play at Derby Folk



Sunjay Brayne's new album Sunjay

Festival. He is back in Wolverhampton at the Newhampton Folk Club which is held in the upper room of the Newhampton Inn, Riches Street, Whitmore Reans, on October 11 where he will be joined by Eddy Morton of the Bushbury Mountain Daredevils. Morton also produced Brayne's new album.

Then on the 23rd he plays the Common Folk Club in Walsall with The Crystals. The club is based at Pelsall Cricket & Sports Club.

On November 27 he is back on his home turf at Stourbridge Folk Club again in the cellar of Katie Fitzgerald's with Dan Owen. For more information on the tour and album visit [www.sunjay.tv](http://www.sunjay.tv).

## Tuning in to folk club tips

ON September 20 Newhampton Arts Centre, Dunkley Street, Whitmore Reans, Wolverhampton plays host to the West Midlands Regional Day of Folk21.

The usual format is that the day will be in two parts with invited guests and interested parties for the first half of the conference which will feature a host of speakers who will be looking at the problems, possible solutions, ideas and network possibilities of running and maintaining folk clubs and small music venues around the country.

## Album

If you want to get some insight as to how they go you can see a full review of last year's regional day on this blog just follow the link here <http://folkall.blogspot.co.uk/search?q=folk21>.

The second part in the evening will showcase a bill of up and coming folk artists from around the country and will include headliner Roger Wilson with Winter Wilson, Kelly Oliver who is due to release her debut album, This Land, very soon, The Bailey Sisters, The Jigantics and Gary Edward Jones. Tickets for the night are £10.

Folk21 was started by Midlands musician John Richards who felt small music venues were under threat of being lost. From a post he put on Facebook Folk21 has gone national.

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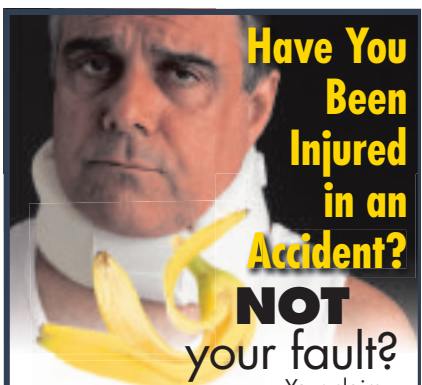
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## CHOICE



Kevin Bridges

### Kevin Bridges Live at the Referendum (BBC1, 10.20pm)

The pending referendum on Scottish independence is currently on the minds of millions, including four of the UK's top comedians. The quartet is brought together by Glasgow's Kevin Bridges for this tongue-in-cheek look at one of the hottest political potatoes of the year. Glasgow's Theatre Royal is the venue for this rib-ticking event as Kevin welcomes Hal Crutenden, a veteran of Mock the Week who picked up a Best Newcomer nomination at the Edinburgh Comedy Awards in 2002. He's joined by deadpan funnyman Jack Dee, Kerry Godliman – these days better known as the long-suffering Hannah in Ricky Gervais sitcom Derek – and one of Glasgow's most successful and controversial comedians, Frankie Boyle.

## BBC1

**6.00** Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Sites. **11.30** Football Focus. **12.00** BBC News: Weather. **12.10** Live Formula 1: Italian Grand Prix – Qualifying. The Italian Grand Prix qualifying session (Start-time 1.00pm). **2.30** Live Athletics. The Great North CityGames. **4.05** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.50** Pointless Celebrities. (R) **5.40** BBC News: Regional News: Weather.

**6.00** Tumble. Alex Jones hosts the semi-final of the acrobatics contest, in which the seven remaining contestants and their professional partners perform a new floor routine, before the celebrities go it alone for the first time, with the men attempting the parallel bars and the women facing the beam. It's then up to viewers to choose their favourite, and once their votes are combined with the judges' scores, the two least popular celebrities with be vaulting for a place in next week's final. Plus, judge Sebastian Stella performs an aerial routine.

**7.30** Doctor Who. The Time Lord tries to thwart an intergalactic plan to destroy Nottingham, and strikes up an alliance with Robin Hood – but he struggles to believe the mythical hero is real.

**8.20** The National Lottery: In It to Win It. New series. Dale Winton hosts the quiz in which five contestants pit their wits to scoop a big cash prize. Includes the Lotto and Thunderball draws.

**9.10** Casualty. Rita loses her temper with a patient when she turns out to be dishonest. Cal helps a schoolgirl come to terms with her HIV and Max convinces a rock legend to come clean.

**10.00** BBC News: Weather. **10.20** Kevin Bridges Live at the Referendum. The stand-up brings together four fellow comics to air their views on the pending referendum on Scottish independence – Frankie Boyle, Jack Dee, Kerry Godliman and Hal Crutenden. National Lottery Update.

**11.05** Film: The Heartbreak Kid. (2007) A 40-year-old man on his honeymoon comes to regret marrying his girlfriend in haste after only a few weeks. The Farrelly brothers' comedy, with Ben Stiller.

**12.55** Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.00** BBC News.

## BBC2

**6.00** This is BBC Two. **6.10** Coast. **6.40** Formula 1: Italian Grand Prix – First Practice. **8.20** Formula 1: Italian Grand Prix – Second Practice. **9.55** Live Formula 1: Italian Grand Prix – Third Practice. **11.30** The Great British Bake Off: An Extra Slice. (R) **12.00** News. Made Simple. (R) **12.30** Paul Hollywood's Pies & Puds. (R) **1.00** Richard Attenborough: Talking Pictures. (R) **1.45** Film: Young Winston. (1972) The late Richard Attenborough's biopic of Winston Churchill, starring Simon Ward. **4.00** Richard Attenborough: A Life in Film. **5.00** Flog It!

**6.00** Alex Polizzi: The Fixer. The hotelier helps more struggling firms, beginning by showing the owner of a Devon micro-brewery that there is a growing overseas market for British ales. (R)

**7.00** Proms Extra 2014. Katie Derham introduces reviews of Beethoven's Missa Solemnis. The Arrival of the Queen of Sheba by Handel and the debut Prom of Paloma Faith. Last in the series.

**7.45** Dad's Army. Mainwaring camps the platoon in the middle of a firing range, forcing Corporal Jones to make a desperate effort to raise the alarm. Starring Arthur Lowe and Clive Dunn. (R)

**8.15** Egypt's Lost Queens. Professor Joann Fletcher examines the lives and reigns of four of ancient Egypt's most powerful female rulers, exploring what it was like to be a woman of influence in those times. (R)

**9.15** Film: The Ides of March. (2011) Premiere. An idealistic campaign worker finds his belief in the presidential candidate he represents challenged. As rival campaign managers try to influence his loyalty, his relationship with an intern brings to light dark secrets about the politician. Drama, directed by and starring George Clooney. With Ryan Gosling, Philip Seymour Hoffman, Paul Giamatti and Evan Rachel Wood.

**10.50** QUIZ XL. Extended version of the quiz. Stephen Fry poses questions about people whose names begin with 'J' to Katy Brand, Sue Perkins, David Mitchell and Alan Davies. (R)

**11.35** TOTP2. Mark Radcliffe introduces clips from the BBC archive. (R) **12.35** Film: First Snow. (2006) **2.10** This is BBC Two.

## ITV

**6.00** CITY: Pat & Stan. **6.10** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.15** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.25** Dino Dan. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan. (R) **6.50** Animals. (R) **6.55** Animals. (R) **7.00** Sooty. (R) **7.10** NERDS & Monsters. (R) **7.25** NERDS & Monsters. (R) **7.40** Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **7.55** Chowder. (R) **8.10** Chowder. (R) **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Weekend. **9.25** The Hungry Sailors. (R) **10.25** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.20** ITV News: Weather. **11.30** Film: Columbo: Last Salute to the Commodore. (1976) **1.25** Catchphrase. (R) **2.10** All Star Family Fortunes. (R) **2.55** The X Factor. (R) **3.55** Film: The Secret of My Success. (1987) Comedy.

**6.00** Regional Programme: Weather. **6.10** ITV News: Weather.

**6.30** You've Been Framed! Harry Hill narrates a comical selection of mishaps filmed by viewers, featuring everything from cute kids and crazy animals to pranks and painful-looking accidents. (R)

**7.00** The Chase: Celebrity Special. Meera Syal (The Kumars), fashion designer David Emanuel, former England rugby player Kyran Bracken and comedian Johnny Vegas take on a trivia expert. Bradley Walsh hosts.

**8.00** The X Factor. As the closed-room auditions continue, more aspiring pop stars join the race for a life-changing record deal, demonstrating their vocal talents in front of Simon Cowell, Cheryl Fernandez-Versini, Mel B and Louis Walsh. Expect the usual line-up of ballad belters and warbling wannabes alongside the downright deluded, as well as one or two exceptional singers who make it all worthwhile. Host Dermot O'Leary is behind the scenes with the contestants before and after their performances.

**9.20** Through the Keyhole. Keith Lemon visits mystery celebrity homes and challenges this week's panel – Joe Swash, Gabby Logan and Paddy McGuinness – to guess the identities of the famous owners.

**10.20** ITV News: Weather. **10.35** Film: Knocked Up. (2007) An ambitious journalist unexpectedly becomes pregnant after a one-night stand with a directionless layabout. Romantic comedy, starring Seth Rogen.

**12.55** Jackpot247. **3.00** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **3.40** ITV Nightscreen.

## CHANNEL 4

**7.00** Great North Swim. **7.55** The Morning Line. **8.55** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.25** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.55** Frasier. (R) **10.25** Frasier. (R) **10.50** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.20** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.45** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.10** The Simpsons. (R) **12.40** The Simpsons. (R) **1.10** Gadget Man. (R) **1.40** Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Haydock Park, Ascot and Kempton Park. **4.10** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.40** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.10** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.45** Come Dine with Me. (R)

**6.15** Come Dine with Me. Hairdresser Kim Connor hosts the final party in Huddersfield, hoping her American diner-themed menu and entertainment will delight her guests. (R)

**6.45** Channel 4 News.

**7.05** Sarah Beeny's Double Your House for Half the Money. The property developer follows a project to create a new floor beneath a London flat and meets a Wolverhampton couple who want to add a touch of glamour to their massive extension. (R)

**8.00** Grand Designs. Kevin McCloud returns to follow more home-design projects. Rob Hodgson and Kay Ralph plan to build a sleek glass-fronted house on a crumbling cliff-top in Gwynedd, taking inspiration from the villas of California. However, access will be extremely difficult and expensive because of a low bridge over the narrow track to the site, and problems arise when one of the heaviest storms in recent history batters the coast. To make matters worse, erosion specialists predict the property could fall into the sea within just 60 years and the pair are prohibited from reinforcing the cliff face. (R)

**9.00** Peter Kay: Live & Back on Nights! Part One. The first of a two-part documentary going behind the scenes with the comedian as he performs on one of the world's biggest stand-up tours. The show sold more than 1.2 million tickets over 18 months throughout 2010 and 2011, including 40 nights at Manchester Arena. (R)

**10.05** Film: Solomon Kane. (2010) Fantasy thriller, with James Purefoy and Pete Postlethwaite.

**12.00** The Last Leg. (R) **12.45** Homeland. (R) **1.40** Hollyoaks. **3.45** Sarah Beeny's Selling Houses. (R)

## CHANNEL 5

**6.00** Milkshake! **10.00** Access. **10.10** Police Interceptors. (R) **11.10** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.10** Film: High Society. (1956) Complications arise when a playboy composer tries to stop his ex-wife from marrying another man. Romantic musical comedy, starring Bing Crosby, Frank Sinatra and Grace Kelly. **3.20** Film: To Hell and Back. (1955) Second World War biopic, starring Audie Murphy as World War hero. **5.30** Film: Attack! (1956) Second World War drama, starring Jack Palance.

**7.35** 5 News Weekend.

**7.40** The NCIS Movie: Shell Shock. Feature-length episode. First lieutenant Michael Torres gets involved in a fight before falling to the ground, and is found beaten to death the next morning. The only witness is his friend and colleague Captain Joe Westcott, who suffers from post-traumatic stress disorder and has trouble distinguishing reality from his past military experiences in the Middle East. (R)

**9.15** Celebrity Big Brother. A chance to catch up with the latest events inside the house as the celebrities cope with living under constant surveillance, with all the arguments and alliances, as well as the revelations in the diary room.

**10.15** Holiday Love Rats Exposed. Documentary telling the stories of Brits who have been conned out of tens of thousands of pounds and left broken-hearted by people preying on single holiday-makers looking for love. (R)

**11.15** Celebrity Big Brother's Bit on the Psych. Ryan Clark and Iain Lee are joined by a panel of psychologists, body-language experts and celebrity fans to analyse the behaviour of the housemates. With Luisa Zissman.

**12.15** SuperCasino. Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming. **3.05** Celebrity Big Brother. The ups and downs of life in the BB house as friendships and alliances are made, battle lines are drawn and arguments erupt. (R) **4.00** House Doctor. Ann Maurice and Alistair Appleton help a Northamptonshire woman spruce up her country cottage in the village of Welton, hoping to entice a buyer to part with £250,000. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **5.15** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

## DIGITAL

**BBC Three**  
**7.00** Great TV Mistakes **8.00** Top Gear **9.00** Russell Howard's Good News **9.30** Film: Road Trip (2000) **11.00** Family Guy **2.20** Sex Beasts **2.50** Comedy Fest Live 2014 **3.50** Close

**BBC Four**  
**7.00** Human Planet **8.00** Survivors: Nature's Indestructible Creatures **9.00** Crimes of Passion **10.30** You've Got a Friend: The Carole King Story **11.30** Timeshift: Mods, Rockers and Bank Holiday Mayhem **12.30** The Joy of Easy Listening **2.00** Human Planet **3.00** Survivors: Nature's Indestructible Creatures **4.00** Close

**ITV2**  
**1.45** Take Me Out **2.55** You've Been Framed! Kids Special **3.55** The Best of You've Been Framed! Animal Special **5.00** You've Been Framed: A-Z **5.35** Film: The Little Vampire (2000) **7.25** Film: Year One (2009) **9.20** The Xtra Factor **10.20** Utterly Outrageous Celebrity Bodies **11.15** The X Factor **12.30** The Xtra Factor **1.30** Ples 2.20 You've Been Framed! **2.45** Teleshopping

**ITV3**  
**12.55** Film: The Baby and the Battleship (1959) **3.00** A Touch of Frost **5.00** Inspector Morse **7.00** Lewis **9.00** Midsummer Murders **11.00** Bomb Girls **12.00** Jane Eyre **2.05** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

**ITV4**  
**1.10** Film: All Quiet on the Western Front (1979) **4.10** Film: Paths of Glory (1957) **6.00** FIA Formula E Championship **7.00** Cycling: Vuelta a España **8.00** The Motorbike Show **9.00** Film: Diamonds Are Forever (1971) **11.25** Film: Public Enemies (2009) **1.20** Cycling: Vuelta a España **3.00** Teleshopping **3.30** The Store **4.30** Teleshopping

**E4**  
**11.30** Melissa & Joey **12.30** How I Met Your Mother **1.30** The Big Bang Theory **2.30** Film: Coraline (2009) **3.30** The Big Bang Theory **5.30** Made in Chelsea NYC **6.35** The 1007.30 Brooklyn Nine-Nine **8.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** Film: Max Payne (2008) **11.00** The Big Bang Theory **12.00** Virtually Famous **12.50** Almost Royal **1.20** How I Met Your Mother **2.20** The Ricky Gervais Show **3.15** Suburgatory **4.00** Glee

**Film4**  
**1.00** Star Trek: First Contact (1996) **3.10** The Golden Child (1986) **4.55** Turner & Hooch (1989) **6.50** Mission: Impossible (1996) **9.00** The Brave One (2007) **11.20** Repo Men (2010) **1.30** Wild at Heart (1990) **4.00** Close

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## CHOICE



Tess Daly

**Strictly Come Dancing 2014 (BBC1, 8pm)**

Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman host a red-carpet event in which this year's celebrities are paired up with their partners. The celebrity women shaking a leg or two include Frankie Bridge from girl band the Saturdays, tennis coach Judy Murray – best known as mother of 2013 men's Wimbledon champion Andy – This Morning reporter Alison Hammond, former Holly City actress Sunetra Sarker, chart star Pixie Lott and TV presenter Caroline Flack. Among the men donning their dancing shoes are former rugby player Thom Evans, one-time TOWIE star Mark Wright, EastEnders star Jake Wood, wildlife presenter Steve Backshall, Radio 1 DJ Scott Mills and Blue singer Simon Webbe, who appeared on the 2011 Christmas special.

## BBC1

**9.30 Live Athletics.** 12.00 BBC News: Weather. **12.10** Live Formula 1: Italian Grand Prix. The Italian Grand Prix (Start-time 1.00pm). **3.30** Escape to the Country. **4.30** The Great British Bake Off. (R) **5.30** Songs of Praise.

**6.05** **Deadly on a Mission: Pole to Pole.**

**6.35 BBC News:** Weather.

**7.00 Countryfile.** Matt Baker explores the 18th-century West Midlands gardens Hagley Park and the Leasowes, and Ellie Harrison visits the Kinver Rock Houses, which are a haven for wildlife. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.

**8.00 Strictly Come Dancing 2014.** New series. Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman host a red-carpet event introducing this year's celebrities to their professional partners.

**9.15 The Village.** With John still in a coma following the incident at the Allingham estate protest, the destiny of the dairy farm is unclear. The future of the Middletons' marriage is also left hanging in the balance as Grace awaits to see what her husband remembers. Bairstow and Edmund create a plan of action to prevent any long-lasting impact on the latter's political career but the impact of diverting attention on to the villagers comes as a shock to all, particularly Bert and Gerrard. Period drama, starring Maxine Peake, John Simm and Joe Armstrong.

**10.15 BBC News:** Weather.

**10.40 The Secrets.** New series. The first of five one-off dramas to be shown throughout the week, focusing on the moral dilemmas that have to be resolved when secrets are unearthed. Olivia Colman stars as a vet who is beginning to struggle with the complex ethical elements of her job. But then her widowed mother is diagnosed with terminal cancer, and asks her daughter to use the drugs at her clinic to end her suffering. Alison Steadman co-stars. The second drama can be seen tomorrow.

**11.10 21 Up New Generation.** Two-part documentary catching up with a group of people who were seven in the year 2000. (R)

**12.10 21 Up New Generation.** (R) **1.15** Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.20** BBC News.

## BBC2

**6.00 Film: Carnival Boat.** (1932) **7.00** Countryfile. (R) **8.00** Monty Don's Italian Gardens. (R) **9.00** Gardeners' World. (R) **9.30** The Beechgrove Garden. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bits. **11.30** Paul Hollywood's Pies & Puds. (R) **12.00** Live Athletics. The Great North Run. **2.30** Bargain Hunt. (R) **3.00** Equestrian.

**6.00 Athletics.** The Great North Run. Highlights of the 34th annual staging of one of the world's most prestigious half-marathons.

**6.45 Porridge.** Fletcher takes on the role of agony aunt and ends up writing letters home for the other inmates – but he soon discovers domestic problems of his own. (R)

**7.15 Flog It!** Adam Partridge and James Lewis value items in the North Yorkshire town of Richmond, including a gold pocket watch, a collection of pipes, a tea pot and a statueque bronze figure. Presenter Paul Martin also explores the process of making Wensleydale cheese.

**8.15 Countdown to the Invictus Games: Meet the Warriors.** Documentary following the launch of the Invictus Games, in which wounded and injured servicemen and women from around the world compete at London's Olympic Park. This film follows some of the soldiers who returned from recent conflicts with potentially life-threatening injuries, but are now hoping to earn a place on the British Team. As well as hearing their inspirational stories, the programme also discovers how Prince Harry has been keeping a watchful eye on the preparations for the Games from the moment they were announced last year.

**9.15 The Two Amigos: A Gaucho Adventure.** Part two of two. Fast Show stars John Thomson and Simon Day head off to Argentina to learn the ways of the gauchos – the country's rugged cowboys and national icons.

**10.15 Him & Her: The Wedding.** The moment Laura has been waiting for arrives – the ceremony – but she has to deal with a shocking revelation.

**10.45 Film: Sex & Drugs & Rock & Roll.** (2009) Premiere. Biopic of punk singer Ian Dury. With Andy Serkis.

**12.35 Film: Treacle Jr.** (2010) **1.55** Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **2.50** Holly City. (R) **3.50** This is BBC Two.

## ITV

**6.00 CITY:** Pat & Stan. **6.10** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.15** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.25** Dino Dan. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan. (R) **6.55** Animals. (R) **7.00** Sooty. (R) **7.10** Nerdz & Monsters. (R) **7.25** Nerdz & Monsters. (R) **7.40** Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **7.55** Chowder. (R) **8.10** Chowder. (R) **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Weekend. **9.25** Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) **10.30** Film: Carry On Camping. (1969) **12.10** ITV News: Weather. **12.15** The Unforgettable Pat Phoenix. (R) **12.45** The X Factor. (R) **2.00** Cycling: Tour of Britain Live. Coverage of the opening stage of the race. **5.00** Long Lost Family. (R)

**6.00 You've Been Framed!** Harry Hill narrates a comical selection of mishaps filmed by viewers, featuring sheep learning sarcasm, and a new job for Harry Potter's owl. (R)

**6.30 Regional Programme:** Weather.

**6.45 ITV News:** Weather.

**7.00 Coronation Street.** Hour-long episode. Rob wonders how engineering developments in factories also led to a revolution in musical instruments. (R)

**8.00 The X Factor.** The search for a superstar continues in the audition room, as more hopefuls try to impress the judges and win an invitation to perform at Wembley Arena next week.

**9.05 The Suspicions of Mr Whicher: Beyond the Pale.** The return of the Victorian crime drama starring Paddy Considine. Whicher is hired by his one-time political master, former home secretary Edward Shore, to investigate threats made against his son Charles, who has recently returned to London from India with his young family. Shore fears entanglement in a scandal could have devastating repercussions for his career and insists the detective carry out the investigation without involving his former Met colleagues, even after a murder occurs. Whicher's pursuit of justice takes him to the most dangerous corners of the Docklands, but also brings him into contact with a woman who starts to melt his long-frozen heart. With Nicholas Jones.

**11.00 ITV News:** Weather.

**11.15 Premiership Rugby Union.** **12.15** The Store. **2.50** Motorsport UK. **3.40** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R)

## CHANNEL 4

**6.10** How I Met Your Mother. (R) **6.35** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.05** British GT. **7.30** Castle Howard Triathlon. **8.30** National Paralympics Day. **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** George Clarke's Amazing Spaces. (R) **1.35** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **2.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **2.25** The Simpsons. (R) **3.25** Film: Fool's Gold. (2008) Romantic comedy adventure. **5.35** Deal or No Deal.

**6.30 Channel 4 News.**

**7.00 How Britain Worked.** Guy Martin visits Llandudno in north Wales to try to return the seaside resort to its former Victorian glory. Over the course of the winter, Guy gets stuck into restoration work on the town's pier, rebuilds an original hatter's shelter and services the town's funicular tramway. He learns how the appetite for sea-bathing began when word spread that it was good for the glands and finds out how engineering developments in factories also led to a revolution in musical instruments. (R)

**8.00 The Boats That Made Britain: A Time Team Special.** The Bronze Age was the time when the British landscape became civilised, with fields, farms and the first roads, but little evidence survives of what life was like 3,500 years ago. However, in 1992, archaeologists in Dover town centre unearthed something that shed light on this mysterious era. Six metres underground they discovered the perfectly preserved remains of a large boat. Tony Robinson joins a team of experts as they strive to reconstruct the Dover Boat – one of the world's oldest seagoing vessels – using only materials and tools from its era.

**9.00 Houdini.** The first of a two-part drama following the life of legendary illusionist and escape artist Harry Houdini from poverty to worldwide fame. As the magician improves his act and grows ever more daring, creating stunts such as the Vanishing Elephant and Chinese Water Torture Cell, he experiences ups and downs in his marriage.

**10.55 Film: The Ugly Truth.** (2009) Romantic comedy, starring Gerard Butler and Katherine Heigl.

**12.45 NFL:** American Football Live. **4.45** British GT Championship. **5.10** Gordon Ramsay's Home Cooking. (R)

## CHANNEL 5

**6.00** Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **6.30** Bubbly Guppies. (R) **6.40** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.55** Chloe's Closet. (R) **7.10** Olly the Little White Van. (R) **7.15** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.30** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.40** City of Friends. (R) **8.00** Little Princess. (R) **8.10** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.25** Wanda and the Alien. **8.40** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **8.45** Rupert Bear. **8.55** Milkshake! Show Songs. (R) **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.15** Jelly Jam. (R) **9.30** LazyTown. (R) **10.00** Access. **10.10** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.10** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.15** Film: Lassie. (2005) Family adventure, starring Peter O'Toole. **3.05** Film: The Shaggy Dog. (2006) Comedy remake, starring Tim Allen. **5.05** Film: Snake Dances. (2002) Comedy, starring Cuba Gooding Jr.

**6.55 5 News Weekend.**

**7.00 Cricket on 5.** England v India. Mark Nicholas presents highlights of the final match of the tour, as the teams contested a T20 match at Edgbaston. The teams last met on English soil in this form of the game during the 2011 tour, when the hosts triumphed by six wickets with just three balls remaining.

**8.00 World's Worst Disasters.** Footage of dramatic events caught on camera by people who found themselves in life-threatening situations and lived to tell the tale, including two off-duty firefighter brothers from Milwaukee who entered a burning vehicle to rescue a four-year-old child, unaided by breathing apparatus or protective clothing. Christopher Marken and Erik Nihlen's holiday of a lifetime ended in tragedy when their aeroplane skidded off the runway in Phuket, Thailand, and ploughed into an embankment, killing 90 passengers and crew as the right side of the aircraft was ripped open. (R)

**9.00 Celebrity Big Brother.** The ups and downs of life in the 38 house as friendships and alliances are made, battle lines are drawn and arguments erupt.

**10.00 Film: Abduction.** (2011) Action thriller, starring Taylor Lautner. **12.10** Closing Time: Newcastle After Dark. (R) **1.10** SuperCasino. **3.10** Once Upon a Time. (R) **4.00** House Doctor. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R)

## DIGITAL

## BBC Three

**7.00** Formula 1: Italian Grand Prix – Highlights **8.00** Doctor Who **8.50** Great Movie Mistakes – Not in 3D **9.00** Russell Howard's Good News **10.00** Family Guy **10.45** Cuckoo **11.15** Siblings **11.45** American Dad! **12.30** Sexy Beasts **1.00** Cuckoo **3.30** Siblings **2.00** Russell Howard's Good News **2.30** The Human Tissue Squad **3.30** Sexy Beasts **4.00** Close

## BBC Four

**7.00** Sacred Music: The Story of Allegri's Miserere **7.30** The Sunday Prom: The Cleveland Orchestra **9.30** Constable: A Country Rebel **10.30** Film: Chico & Rita (2010) **12.00** Fleetwood Mac – Don't Stop **1.00** Classic Albums Special **1.55** Thin Lizzy: Bad Reputation **2.55** Constable: A Country Rebel **3.55** Close

## ITV2

**2.40** Film: Casper (1995) **4.35** The X Factor **5.50** The X Factor **6.55** Film: Dungeons and Dragons (2000) **9.05** The Xtra Factor **10.00** Educating Joey Essex: Space Cadet **11.00** The X Factor **12.00** The Xtra Factor **1.00** The Big Reunion 2014 **1.55** The Cube **2.45** Teleshopping **5.45** ITV2 Nightscreen

## ITV3

**1.35** Wycliffe **2.40** Sherlock Holmes: The Last Vampyre **4.55** Film: Columbo: It's All in the Game (1993) **6.55** Lewis **9.00** Les Dawson: An Audience With That Never Was **10.00** Film: The Bucket List (2007) **12.05** William and Mary **2.00** Judge Judy **3.00** Movies Now **3.10** ITV3 Nightscreen **3.40** Emmerdale

## ITV4

**7.00** Cycling: Vuelta a Espana **8.00** Premiership Rugby Union **9.00** Cycling: Tour of Britain **10.00** Film: The Last House on the Left (2009) **12.20** Hell on Wheels **1.20** Tommy Cooper **1.50** Cycling: Vuelta a Espana **2.50** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping **3.30** The Store **4.30** Teleshopping

## E4

**3.00** The Mindy Project **3.30** New Girl **4.00** The Big Bang Theory **5.50** The 100 **6.00** Rude (ish) Tube **6.55** Film: Big (1988) **9.00** Made in Chelsea NYC **10.00** Almost Royal **10.35** The Big Bang Theory **11.30** Virtually Famous **12.20** Rude Tube **1.25** Rules of Engagement **2.15** The Ricky Gervais Show **3.10** Hollyoaks

## Film4

**11.00** Winchester '73 (1950) **1.00** Stormbreaker (2006) **2.50** Escape to Athena (1979) **5.10** Nine Months (1995) **7.10** Mr Poppers Penguins (2011) **9.00** Red (2010) **11.10** Police Story 3: Supercop (1992)

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**MONDAY**  
**No, Channel 4, 12am**  
In 1988, Chile's military dictator Augusto Pinochet is forced by international pressure to hold a referendum on his continued rule. An advertising executive is recruited by the opposition leaders, and despite limited resources and the threat of the tyrant's forces, launches a campaign to liberate the nation. Fact-based drama, starring Gael Garcia Bernal. In Spanish. (2012)

**TUESDAY**  
**Backdraft, ITV, 10.40pm**  
The two sons of a fireman who died in the line of duty follow him into the profession. However, a feud develops between them because the elder brother is convinced his sibling is not up to the job – until a mission to uncover the identity of a serial arsonist gives him the chance to prove his worth. Action drama, starring Kurt Russell and William Baldwin. (1991)

**WEDNESDAY**  
**Rounders, BBC1, 11.45pm**  
A gifted young poker player gives up gambling when he loses all his savings and turns his attention to studying the law. However, when an old friend is released from prison with substantial debts to worry about, he is persuaded to return to the world of high-stakes poker. Drama, starring Matt Damon. (1998)



Backdraft, Tuesday, ITV, 10.40pm

**THURSDAY**  
**Web of Desire, Channel 5, 3.15pm**  
An emergency-room doctor turns to the internet to vent her frustrations about the pressures of her career and family life. She makes a connection with a like-minded individual, and when the pair meet, she is surprised to discover her online confidante is a woman, with whom she embarks on an ill-advised affair. Thriller, starring Dina Meyer, Adrian Hough and Claudette Mink. (2009)

**FRIDAY**  
**The 40 Year-Old Virgin, ITV, 10.40pm**  
A middle-aged shop worker reveals he has never been intimate with a woman, which prompts his shocked colleagues to set him up with a series of potentially passionate dates. When he falls for a single mother, his friends think he is right on course for a lusty liaison, but his new partner is not ready for a physical relationship. Judd Apatow's comedy, starring Steve Carell, Catherine Keener and Paul Rudd. (2005)

# Lorraine returns to turn up the heat in the kitchen

When Ms Pascale first came on to our screens almost four years ago now, many of us questioned what this super-slim former world-class supermodel could possibly know about good, hearty food. After all, Lorraine isn't your typical chef – she doesn't turn the air blue while barking out orders and she saunters around her kitchens with barely a hair out of place.

So actually, we were the ones left eating our words (pun intended) when, as it turned out, not only did she know rather a lot about home cooking, she could give Jamie Oliver a run for his money.

Yes, this lady is definitely a lot more than just a pretty face and after years of modelling and to-ing and fro-ing between jobs (which included hypnotherapy and trying her hand at being a mechanic), thank heavens she finally found her calling.

With the modelling – for the most part – in the past, thankfully for us she's keen to demonstrate that cooking needn't be a complicated, tie-yourself-up-in-knots affair. It's easy – however, that needn't mean it

shas to be simple-looking, and tonight, she returns for another culinary effort; this time with a six-part series, demonstrating a range of easy-to-follow recipes and simple culinary tips. It seems there's hope for all of us yet.

Lorraine will be teaching six kitchen novices how to wow their friends and family at a surprise dinner party. From knocking out an easy family meal from scratch to creating posh canapés for a hen party, she is taking on the most amateur of cooks and teaching them the tips of the experts.

And there's a lot of excitement around the show, with Lorraine explaining: "With this series, we want to make cooking accessible for everyone – no matter their experience level. I'll be joining people in their own kitchens and showing them just how easy it is to whip up food that's guaranteed to impress."

Meanwhile, Alison Kirkham, BBC Head of Commissioning, Factual Features and Formats, says: "Lorraine's no-nonsense approach to cooking has been a huge hit with

BBC Two audiences, and we're delighted she'll be back with this series aimed specifically at inspiring even the most unconfident among us to get cooking."

How to Be a Better Cook is just another item on Lorraine's impressively extensive CV. Of course, she is kept busy with her very own bakery, The Cupcake Bakehouse in Covent Garden, and she's recently been working alongside Jason Atherton on the judging panel of the UK version of My Kitchen Rules. However, those who are hopeless at cooking will be pleased to know there will be no judging going on here.

In fact, Lorraine's first protégé is 52-year-old builder Tony, who has never cooked a dish in his life. A three-course meal, then, might sound like a big challenge, but by the end of the show, he will have mastered a Mediterranean-inspired menu, which includes a grilled peach and burrata salad, and crispy salmon with polenta chips and grilled asparagus.

And just to top it all off, there will be a showstopping dessert.



Lorraine Pascale: How to Be a Better Cook, Friday, BBC2, 8.30pm

## BEST OF THE REST

**MONDAY**  
**Alex Polizzi: The Fixer BBC2, 9pm**  
How do small businesses cope when they go into partnership with the 'big boys'? That's one of the questions Alex Polizzi is pondering as she travels to Kirklington, North Yorkshire, to meet the Keebles, a family of farmers-turned-sausage-makers. They need the supermarkets to sell their Heck-brand bangers in order to survive, but like many small producers, it's a relationship that has sometimes left them feeling powerless. Alex gains access to the food development kitchens of a major retailer, and also uncovers some of the secrets of supermarket shelf layouts. But will her newfound knowledge help the Keebles to ensure Heck Sausages maintain a prominent place in the nation's aisles, and become the UK's leading premium brand?

**Live International Football ITV, 7.15pm**  
England begin their Euro 2016 qualification process with a potentially difficult fixture away to Switzerland, as two of the sides tipped to qualify from Group E meet at St Jakob-Park in Basel. Current England head coach Roy Hodgson proved his credentials as an international manager in the 1990s, when he was in charge of the Switzerland team that qualified for the 1994 World Cup, as he led the nation to their first

tournament since 1966, before also helping them progress to Euro 96 in England. That success is one of many achievements on Hodgson's lengthy résumé, and he will have to draw on all of that experience as he attempts to reinvigorate an England side that failed to progress beyond the group stage of this summer's World Cup in Brazil.

**TUESDAY**  
**Don't Stop the Music Channel 4, 9pm**  
In this two-parter, internationally renowned classical pianist James Rhodes, who believes that the power of music can change lives, is on a mission to launch the nation's biggest-ever 'instrument amnesty', and is asking the public to donate unused instruments to children who could benefit from them.

In the first edition, James visits St Teresa's Primary School in Basildon, Essex, which was placed in special measures after its most recent Ofsted inspection. The school's new headteacher is keen to improve academic performance, but music isn't one of her top priorities. Can James prove that music could be the key to the school's transformation?

**WEDNESDAY**  
**Scott & Bailey ITV, 9pm**  
As the crime drama returns for a fourth series, a vulnerable young man is reported missing by his pub landlord boss. Syndicate 9 suspect Robin McKendrick may have been killed after a photo of him bound and gagged in a car boot appears online. However, the case takes an unusual turn when a body found in a flooded quarry turns out to be a woman's corpse.

Meanwhile, battle-scarred from their conflict last year, Scott and Bailey are determined to move forward with honesty. The pair find themselves in front of the promotion board and pass with flying colours, leaving Gill with the task of choosing who stays on as sergeant at the department. Danny Webb joins a cast led by Lesley Sharp and Suranne Jones

Scott & Bailey, Wednesday, ITV, 9pm

**THURSDAY**  
**Penguins on a Plane: Great Animal Moves BBC2, 9pm**  
Despite the ratings-grabbing title, this two-parter isn't quite the action thriller it sounds. Rather, it's an insightful documentary revealing how thousands of exotic animals are moved around the world every day, and how they cope with being transported. First up, a flock of gentoo penguins get a luxury £40,000 container for their trip from New Zealand to Birmingham, while staff at the West Midlands Safari Park prepare to bid farewell to Pinky the two-ton hippo, who puts her trip to the south of France in danger by testing a reinforced crate to its limits.

**FRIDAY**  
**Piers Morgan's Life Stories: Andrew Flintoff ITV, 9pm**  
The Lancashire cricketer reflects on his life and career. He talks candidly about resorting to extreme measures as he battled with his weight, looks back at the key role he played in England's 2005 Ashes triumph and relives the victory celebrations – when he was asked to leave the Cabinet Room at 10 Downing Street for pretending to be the Prime Minister. 'Freddie' also discusses his recent return to the sport, after doctors advised him never to run again upon his retirement in 2010.

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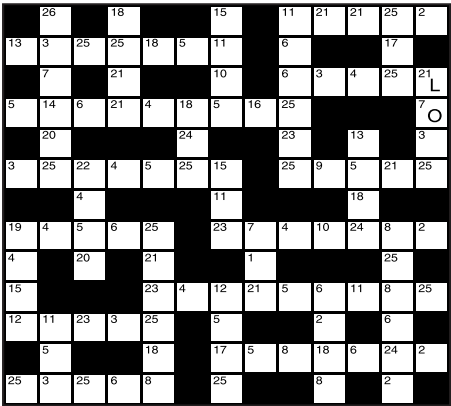


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Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
I	T	G	O	P	Z	M	X	U	E	V	C	Q
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## Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

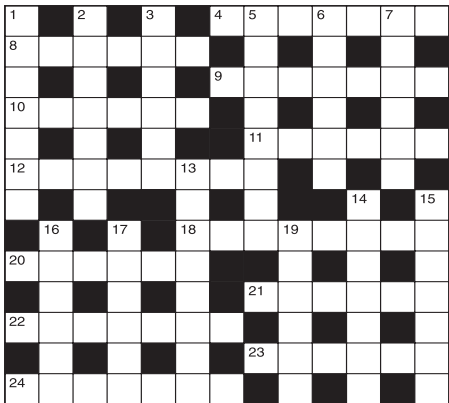
### Cryptic Clues:

#### Across

- Go ahead; make a loan (7)
- Danced and swam (6)
- Invest in a unit of the open market (7)
- Such a person is likely to have too much on his plate (6)
- What I need to live on once I'm ruined (6)
- They share an item in a geometry set (8)
- A bitter blow is wanted badly (4,4)
- Business may be started with it (6)
- Strange groan about English ass (6)
- Schoolboy expression results in tears (7)
- Cuts from the prose version (6)
- Rectify - a bad habit? (7)

#### Down

- Essay about old type of drama (7)
- Book a substitute (7)
- Minded being watched (6)
- They fill much of their working days (8)
- Tricky performances as acts in variety (6)
- Supporting feature of a newspaper (6)
- Weather men caught in a flurry of sleet (8)
- It's unlikely to get worn out unless you're an athlete (7)
- Direct speech (7)
- It's both cleaner and smoother (6)
- A professional gets by in the correct manner (6)
- Soft-hearted nurse (6)



### Quick Clues:

#### Across

- Accomplish (7)
- Gaudy (6)
- Scorn (7)
- Scope (6)
- People (6)
- Hades' guard-dog (8)
- Advise against (8)
- Give up (6)
- Heavenly (6)
- Associate (7)
- Paved road (6)
- Souvenir (7)

#### Down

- Misdemeanour (7)
- Works (7)
- Opportunity (6)
- Purifies (8)
- Ascribe (6)
- Sight (6)
- Fragrant (8)
- Sailor (7)
- Regresses (7)
- Give (6)
- Mild (6)
- Evasive (6)

## Sudoku

				6	7			3
	2	9				6	1	
3			2				4	
	7				8	4		
	3	5		2				7
		6	1				2	5
	5				4			
	9	3		8		7	6	
2			9	1				4

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

7	6	5	1	4	8	3	9	2
2	3	9	7	5	6	4	8	1
1	8	4	2	3	9	5	6	7
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5	2	8	4	9	7	1	3	6

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Netherlands; 9 Red; 10 Battle-cry; 11 Visit; 13 Turbine; 14 Tenets; 16 In time; 18 Regular; 19 Light; 20 Organised; 21 Sir; 22 Persistence. Down: 2 End; 3 Habit; 4 Rotate; 5 Aileron; 6 Declining; 7 Private room; 8 Type-setters; 12 Synagogue; 15 Talents; 17 Crests; 19 Ledge; 21 Sac. QUICK - Across: 1 Space travel; 9 New; 10 Adulation; 11 Overt; 13 Epistle; 14 Course; 16 Meanie; 18 Replace; 19 Dwell; 20 Exemption; 21 Woo; 22 At all events. Down: 2 Pew; 3 Chart; 4 Toured; 5 Avarice; 6 Existence; 7 Unconcerned; 8 In rebellion; 12 Equipment; 15 Scalpel; 17 Devise; 19 Duncie; 21 Wet.

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# New home is adjacent to a picturesque park



**A NEW four bedroomed detached in West Bromwich is off Salters Lane, next to Dartmouth Park.**

Sycamore House includes two reception rooms (including a lounge with a bow window and French doors to garden), a large kitchen/family room, utility, three bathrooms (two en suite), a bathroom, double garage and two parking spaces. With the show home now open, it is for sale through Connells at £419,995.

This development includes nine individually designed homes. The show home is open Thursday to Monday between 10am and 5.30pm. Call 0121 5251177 or visit [www.connells.co.uk](http://www.connells.co.uk)



# Well-presented semi is close to nature reserve



**WELL-PRESENTED** throughout, this three-bedroomed semi-detached house in Sandringham Road, Wombourne, lies close to Wombrook nature reserve and a canal.

It is for sale through Peter James Property at £189,950.

It has a through lounge/dining room, a breakfast kitchen, refurbished bathroom, an integral garage, gas central heating, timber framed double glazing and a drive with parking for up to three cars.

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**ROWLEY REGIS, Spring Vale Road£695 pcm - Fees**  
An opportunity to acquire a well maintained traditional three bedroom detached property situated in a popular residential location in a quiet cul-de-sac close to local schools, amenities and road links. Featuring a large living room, fitted kitchen with a double range cooker, downstairs w.c. 2 double & 1 single bedroom/study. Bathroom with shower, driveway/garage. A lovely property not to be missed. EPC: TBC



**ROWLEY REGIS, Queens Drive£660 pcm - Fees**  
A fully refurbished 3 bedroom semi detached house in a popular location. This house features a welcoming entrance hall, front lounge with a bay window, brand new fitted kitchen/diner, brand new bathroom with shower, off road parking for 2 vehicles, rear garden, gas central heating, double glazing EPC: TBC



**NEW**  
**ROWLEY REGIS, Bryan Budd Close£650 pcm - Fees**  
Fully redecorated on a quiet modern estate, ideally situated for M5 and Blackheath town centre. This lovely semi-detached house features a light airy lounge, kitchen/dining area with patio doors to rear garden, 2 double & 1 single bedroom, family bathroom, driveway parking. Viewing essential. EPC: TBC



**NEW**  
**CRADLEY HEATH, Wesley Close£650 pcm - Fees**  
Deceptively spacious 3 bedroom modern house ideal for Old Hill train station, shops and bus links. This beautiful house features a lounge/dining area, fitted kitchen, 3 bedrooms, master en-suite, family bathroom, garden, driveway & garage to front. Available immediately. EPC: D



**HALESOWEN, Hunnington Crescent£650 pcm - Fees**  
Recently redecorated and carpeted. This huge 3 bedroom town house has had a full redecoration, carpets and boiler. This house will not stay around for long as its so close to Halesowen Town Centre. Featuring 3 bedrooms, a large lounge with stunning views, bathroom with shower, driveway and garage parking, downstairs wc, small low maintenance rear garden. EPC: TBC



**NEW**  
**CRADLEY HEATH, Beauty Bank£575 pcm - Fees**  
A charming cottage style terraced house with original features. Featuring 2 reception rooms, modern kitchen/diner, downstairs w.c., bathroom with shower, 1 double bedroom & 1 small study room. Private rear garden, driveway parking for 2 cars. Close to bus & train links. Not to be missed. Available immediately. EPC: E



**NEW**  
**HALESOWEN, Wassell Road£575 pcm - Fees**  
Situating in the sought-after area of Halesowen is this beautiful semi detached property, perfect for a family seeking a warm, welcoming home. Fitted kitchen with open plan dining, attractive cosy lounge with double doors to the well kept rear garden with patio area, 2 generous double bedrooms and 1 spacious single bedroom, newly fitted shower room, paved driveway for 2 cars. EPC: D



**HALESOWEN, Haden Arch Court£575 pcm - Fees**  
Contemporary living in Halesowen. This 1st floor spacious apartment above the archway, within walking distance to Halesowen Town Centre and buses, the apartment features gas central heating, double glazing, open plan living room/ fitted kitchen, 2 double bedrooms, bathroom with separate shower cubicle, allocated parking. EPC: B



**NEW**  
**QUINTON, Castner House £550 pcm - Fees**  
New build apartment close to local shops and bus links. This immaculate 2nd floor apartment is not to be missed. Featuring 2 double bedrooms, spacious lounge, fitted kitchen, bathroom with shower, allocated parking. Ideal for transport links for Birmingham, Halesowen and Stourbridge. EPC: TBC



**NEW**  
**CRADLEY HEATH, Mill Road£550 pcm - Fees**  
Located on this very popular Timber Tree Estate and ideally situated for local schools and transport links is this lovely 2 double bedroom house featuring reception room, fitted kitchen with utility, bathroom with shower, private rear garden. Off road parking. EPC: TBC



**TIPTON, Carnegie Road £550 pcm - Fees**  
Modern 2 bed semi detached house having upvc double glazing and gas central heating. Situated in a cul de sac location offering well maintained accommodation which briefly comprises: reception hall, fitted kitchen, lounge, conservatory leading to private rear garden. Bathroom with shower over bath, driveway for 1 car. EPC: TBC



**CRADLEY HEATH, Luanne Close£525 pcm - Fees**  
Wonderfully presented and with its own balcony. A 1st floor modern apartment, ideally located for Old Hill train station and local shops benefits from 1 double bedroom and 1 single bedroom, modern kitchen with washer/dryer, lovely lounge with access to your own private balcony, house bathroom with shower, allocated parking. EPC: B



**HALESOWEN, Cross Street£495 pcm - Fees**  
Beautifully presented and very close to Halesowen Town Centre. This lovely ground floor maisonette features 1 double bedroom and 1 single bedroom, fitted kitchen, brand new bathroom with shower, private rear garden and driveway parking for 2 cars. EPC: E



**HALESOWEN, Upper Ashley Street£475 pcm - Fees**  
Set in this quiet residential area close to Blackheath Town Centre is this lovely semi detached home featuring lounge, fitted kitchen with gas oven/hob, 1 double bedroom, bathroom with shower, electric heating, parking, unfurnished. EPC: TBC



**NETHERTON, Round Street£475 pcm - Fees**  
Set in a quiet road, is this lovely semi-detached home. Featuring gas central heating, 1 reception room, fitted kitchen, 1 double and 1 single bedroom, bathroom with shower, rear garden and driveway parking for 2 cars. Popular residential street close to Netherton High Street. 2 months deposit and a guarantor is required. (THE GUARANTOR MUST BE A HOME OWNER, FAMILY MEMBER AND WORKING). EPC: D



**NEW**  
**HALESOWEN, Howley Grange Road£450 pcm - Fees**  
Unfurnished ground floor apartment available in this popular location. The property features, gas central heating, living room/fitted kitchen with archway through to 1 double bedroom, shower room, allocated parking. Gas (in winter months) and water rates included in the rental. EPC: C



**NEW**  
**OLDBURY, Mallard Drive £450 pcm - Fees**  
Well presented modern ground floor one bedroom apartment in this great location close to motorway links and amenities. Reception hall with intercom, lounge, open plan kitchen with appliances, 1 double bedroom with built in wardrobe, shower room, electric storage heaters, communal garden, allocated parking. Not to be missed! EPC: C



**CRADLEY HEATH, King Street£450 pcm - Fees**  
Located in the heart of Old Hill, ideally situated for local shops, buses and train links is this unfurnished 1st floor modern apartment which comprises of 1 double bedroom, fitted kitchen with a small fridge, spacious lounge, double glazing, electric heating, bathroom with shower, allocated parking space. EPC: C



**ROWLEY REGIS, Oldbury Road£425 pcm - Fees**  
Recently refurbished, very generous sized unfurnished flat above shop. Gas central heating, part double glazing, lounge, fitted breakfast kitchen, 1 bedroom, bathroom with shower, on road parking. Rent includes water rates. EPC: E



**CRADLEY HEATH, Archer Gardens£425 pcm - Fees**  
Set within a quiet complex, close to Cradley Heath town centre and the local train station, is this unfurnished ground floor maisonette, benefiting from gas central heating (Bathroom), electric heating in the lounge and bedrooms, large living room with separate dining area, fitted kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom with shower, communal gardens and allocated parking. EPC: C



**CRADLEY HEATH, Halesowen Road£400 pcm - Fees**  
This value for money unfurnished terraced house, close to Old Hill Town Centre and Old Hill Train Station. Featuring 2 bedrooms with fitted wardrobes, gas central heating, 2 reception rooms, fitted kitchen with appliances, downstairs bathroom with shower, on road parking. NO REAR GARDEN. EPC: D





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QUINTON,

- Traditional Semi Detached Property EPC Rating D
  - Two Reception Rooms Fitted Kitchen Utility Room Grd Floor W/c
  - Three Well Proportioned Bedrooms Bathroom W/c
  - Side Garage Driveway Pleasant Rear Garden
  - Internal Viewing Recommended To Appreciate Accommodation
- £190,000** QUINTON ☎ 0121 421 7766



OLDBURY,

- Traditional/Boy Fronted Link Detached Property EPC Rating C
  - Lounge Dining Room Fitted Kitchen
  - Three Bedrooms Family Bathroom W/c
  - A Gas Fired Central Heating System and Double Glazing
  - Side Garage Driveway Rear Garden
- £190,000** QUINTON ☎ 0121 421 7766



QUINTON,

- Period Mid Terrace Property EPC Rating E
  - Good Size Lounge Kitchen Dining Room
  - Four Bedrooms and Bathroom W/c
  - Enclosed Garden To The Rear
  - Internal Inspection Essential To Appreciate Accommodation
- £190,000** QUINTON ☎ 0121 421 7766



CRADLEY HEATH,

- Modern Three Storey Town House Awaiting EPC Rating
  - Lounge Kitchen Conservatory Cloaks W/c To Ground Floor
  - Master Bedroom With Ensuite Shower Room To Top Floor
  - Two Further Bedrooms and Family Bathroom W/c To First Floor
  - Side Garage Driveway and Garden To The Rear
- £175,000** QUINTON ☎ 0121 421 7766



OLDBURY,

- Extended Semi Detached Property Awaiting EPC Rating E
  - Lounge Dining Room Fitted Kitchen Downstairs Shower Room
  - Three Bedrooms Bathroom W/c
  - Drive To Front Garden To The Rear
  - Viewing Recommended No Upward Chain
- £175,000** QUINTON ☎ 0121 421 7766



OLDBURY,

- Traditional Semi Detached Property EPC Rating D
  - Through Lounge/Dining Room Kitchen Conservatory
  - Three Bedrooms And Bathroom W/c
  - Black Paved Driveway Spacious Rear Garden
  - Refurbished To A High Standard Viewing Recommended
- £145,000** QUINTON ☎ 0121 421 7766



ROWLEY REGIS,

- Semi Detached Property EPC E
  - Lounge Dining Room Extended Kitchen
  - Three Bedrooms Bathroom W/c
  - Drive To The Front Garden To The Rear
  - Cul-de-sac Location Internal Viewing Recommended
- £135,000** QUINTON ☎ 0121 421 7766



BARTLEY GREEN,

- Semi Detached Bungalow EPC Rating B
  - Lounge Dining Room Conservatory Kitchen
  - Two Bedrooms Bathroom W/c
  - Property Benefits From Central Heating Double Glazing and Solar Panels
  - Front and Rear Gardens Garage En-Suite
- £135,000** QUINTON ☎ 0121 421 7766



HALESOWEN,

- Recently Re-furnished Mid Terrace Property EPC Rating E
  - Two Reception Rooms Kitchen Downstairs Bathroom W/c
  - Upstairs there are Three Bedrooms
  - Walled Frontage and Garden To The Rear
  - Internal Viewing Recommended To Appreciate Accommodation
- £130,000** QUINTON ☎ 0121 421 7766



QUINTON,

- End Of Terrace Property EPC Rating C
  - Lounge Dining Kitchen Store Room To Ground Floor
  - Two Bedrooms and Bathroom To First Floor
  - Front and Rear Gardens Detached Double Garage To The Rear
  - Internal Inspection Recommended
- £125,000** QUINTON ☎ 0121 421 7766



QUINTON,

- Semi Detached Property Awaiting EPC Rating
  - Lounge Kitchen Dining Room
  - Three Bedrooms Bathroom W/c
  - Driveway Providing Off Road Parking To The Front Garden To The Rear
  - Property Benefits From Double Glazing and Gas Fired Central Heating
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HALESOWEN,

- Three Storey Town House EPC Rating D
  - Ground Floor Reception Room and Integral Garage
  - Lounge Kitchen and Bathroom To First Floor
  - Master Bedroom With En-suite plus two Further Bedrooms To Second Floor
  - Drive To Front Garden To The Rear Property Benefits From No Upward Chain
- £110,000** QUINTON ☎ 0121 421 7766



QUINTON,

- Mid Terrace Property EPC Rating C
  - Lounge Kitchen Conservatory Cloakroom W/c
  - Three Bedrooms Bathroom W/c
  - Garage Drive and Garden To The Front Garden To The Rear
  - Property Benefits From No Upward Chain Internal Viewing Recommended
- £108,500** QUINTON ☎ 0121 421 7766



OLDBURY,

- First Floor Apartment EPC Rating E
  - Lounge Kitchen Conservatory Bathroom
  - Property Benefits From Electric Heating and is Part Double Glazed
  - Externally There are Communal Gardens and Non Allocated Parking Area
  - Property Further Benefits From A Garage En-Block and No Upward Chain
- £100,000** QUINTON ☎ 0121 421 7766



OLDBURY,

- Traditional Terraced Property, EPC rating D
  - Excellent Condition Throughout
  - Two Reception Rooms
  - Two Bedrooms And Upstairs Bathroom
  - Viewing Highly Recommended
- £90,000** QUINTON ☎ 0121 421 7766



WOODGATE,

- End Terrace Property EPC Rating D
  - Lounge Kitchen-Diner Cloakroom W/c
  - Three Bedrooms and Bathroom W/c
  - Gardens To The Front and Rear
  - No Upward Chain Viewing Recommended
- £90,000** QUINTON ☎ 0121 421 7766



ROWLEY REGIS,

- Ground Floor Flat EPC Rating E
  - Lounge Kitchen Two Bedrooms Bathroom W/c
  - Property Benefits From Double Glazing and
  - Non Allocated Parking Area
  - No Upward Chain Viewing Recommended
- £65,000** QUINTON ☎ 0121 421 7766



OLDBURY

- Second Floor Retirement Apartment Awaiting EPC Rating
  - Lounge Kitchen Bedroom Shower Room
  - Security Gated Communal Parking Area To The Rear
  - Benefits From Security Entry Phone System And Emergency Pull Chords
  - Black Benefits From Having A Lift, Laundry Room and Communal Gardens
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Ridgacre Road

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- \* 3 Bedrooms
- \* 2 Reception rooms
- \* Family Bathroom
- \* Rear Garden EPC=Ibc

Offers in the region of £174,950



Samuels Road

- \* Detached House
- \* Two reception rooms
- \* Three Bedrooms
- \* Garage
- \* In need of general modernisation and Improvement EPC=Ibc

Guide Price £160,000



Bent Avenue

- \* Extended semi detached
- \* 3 Bedrooms
- \* Through living room
- \* Kitchen/diner
- \* Conservatory
- \* Extensive rear garden EPC=D

Offers in the region of £199,950



Cockshed Lane

- \* 4 Bedroom Detached
- \* Flexible Accommodation
- \* 2 Reception Rooms
- \* Garage
- \* High Spec Kitchen EPC=D

Offers in the region of £299,950



Perry Hill Road

- \* End terraced house
- \* Split level reception room
- \* Kitchen/breakfast room
- \* Two bedrooms
- \* Rear Garage
- \* No chain EPC=D

Offers in the region of £129,950



Conifer Paddock

- \* Detached bungalow
- \* Three bedrooms
- \* Garage
- \* Kitchen/Breakfast room
- \* Pleasant rear garden EPC=Ibc

£209,950



Gower Road

- \* Well proportioned semi-detached house
  - \* Three double bedrooms
  - \* Bathroom with both bath & shower
  - \* Separate lounge & dining room
  - \* Extended kitchen/breakfast room
  - \* Garage \* Wide covered passageway
  - \* Lovely gardens \* Double glazed windows
  - \* Gas boiler heating radiators
  - \* Internal inspection recommended EPC=E
- Offers in the region of £275,000



Florence Road

- \* Mid terrace house
- \* Two first floor bedrooms
- \* Two reception rooms
- \* Kitchen & ground floor bathroom
- \* Gas boiler heating radiators
- \* Part double glazed EPC=D

Offers in the region of £75,000



Manor Lane

- \* Exceptional Semi Detached House
  - \* Finished to a High Specification
  - \* Extended Kitchen/breakfast room
  - \* Utility Room
  - \* Separate Lounge and Dining Room
  - \* Cloakroom
  - \* Four Bedrooms
  - \* Garage
  - \* Balcony over looking Extensive Rear Garden \* EPC = D
- Offers in the region of £299,950



Manor Abbey Road

- \* Link detached house
  - \* Four bedrooms
  - \* Two bathrooms
  - \* Lounge, Dining Room and Study
  - \* Kitchen and utility \* W.C
  - \* Garage
  - \* Extensive garden
  - \* Scope for further extensions
  - \* EPC = E
- Offers in the region of £350,000



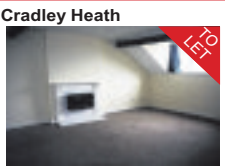
152 Abbey Road

- \* Semi-detached house \* 3 bedrooms
  - \* 2 reception rooms \* Improved & redecorated \* Some lovely original features \* Neutral decoration & new carpets \* Alarm system & Gas CH
  - \* Popular location close to Warley Park
  - \* Available now! \* EPC=E
- Monthly rent of £750+ application fee  
£135 (inc VAT) 1st tenant and £100 (inc VAT) each additional tenant. Deposit required 6 weeks rent.



441 Halesowen Road

- \* Neatly finished 1st floor one bedroom flat \* Living room \* Neutral decoration
  - \* Bathroom with shower \* Electric heating & DG windows \* Convenient location \* Attractive communal grounds & car-parking \* Available now! \* EPC=E
- Monthly rent of £385+ application fee  
£135 (inc VAT) 1st tenant and £100 (inc VAT) each additional tenant. Deposit required 6 weeks rent.



37 Spinners End Drive

- \* Spacious 2nd floor flat
  - \* Double bedroom with fitted wardrobe
  - \* Large living room \* Kitchen with oven and fridge \* DG windows & storage heating
  - \* Allocated parking space
  - \* Convenient location
  - \* Available now! \* EPC=D
- Monthly rent of £395+ application fee  
£135 (inc VAT) 1st tenant and £100 (inc VAT) each additional tenant. Deposit required 6 weeks rent.



201 Tittford Road

- \* Terraced house \* Two double bedrooms \* Two reception rooms
  - \* FANTASTIC LOCATION FOR M5
  - \* Kitchen with some appliances
  - \* 1st floor bathroom with shower
  - \* GCH and attractive garden
  - \* Available from 1st October \* EPC=D
- Monthly rent of £495+ application fee  
£135 (inc VAT) 1st tenant and £100 (inc VAT) each additional tenant. Deposit required 6 weeks rent.



# Detached residence with £10,000 stamp duty paid



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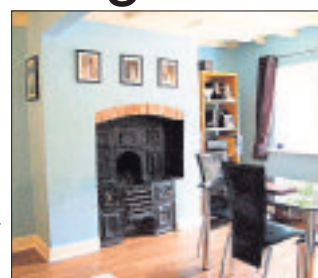
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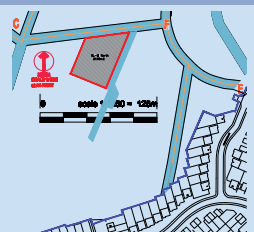
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# Nissan has the X-factor

With space for up to seven, a sleeker look, a higher quality interior and some seriously smart technology under the skin, the latest Nissan X-Trail has matured very nicely.

It's now positioned halfway between the Qashqai and the Pathfinder, offering crossover aesthetics with proper SUV mechanicals. Third time really does seem to be a charm.

Practicality is notably improved. The middle row of seats recline and slide while, where fitted, the third row folds forward to increase luggage space. The luggage bay can be portioned into upper and lower areas in a simple single-handed move. In its top most position, a dividing board can hold up to 10kg of luggage, or 75kg in its lower position.

This split cargo solution enables the user to store, for example, a stroller and large items below while creating a fully usable upper load surface for smaller, lighter items. A remotely-powered tailgate eases access to the luggage area and build quality is much improved.

## Updated

Under the bonnet, the core engine is a significantly updated 130PS version of the previous model's 2.0-litre diesel, optionally mated to a newly-developed Xtronic CVT gearbox.

Although the X-Trail appears to have become a bit more lifestyle oriented, this is Nissan we're talking of here; manufacturers of some of the cleverest all-wheel drive systems around. Yes, you can buy a front-wheel drive X-Trail and it'll probably make sense for quite a few buyers but



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the four-wheel drive chassis is extremely clever. The electronic four-wheel drive system, All Mode 4x4i, is controlled via a rotary switch on the centre console. It offers a choice between two-wheel drive, Auto mode or Lock, permanent four-wheel drive.

Nissan's Juke has sold like hot cakes and the latest update keeps the design extreme but adds smarter technology, cleaner engines and more personalisation options.

The existing 110PS 1.5-litre diesel continues unchanged. The 1.2-litre DIG-T petrol engine, developed in conjunc-

tion with partners Renault, replaces the outgoing 1.6-litre unit, featuring turbo-charging and direct injection to deliver 115ps and 190Nm of torque. Despite its modest size, this 1197cc turbo four packs a real punch, offering sharper acceleration and greater torque than the old 1.6-litre naturally aspirated motor.

The popular 1.6 DIG-T turbo petrol unit has been further improved to deliver lower-end torque below 2,000rpm. Producing 190PS, this is available in both front and all-wheel drive versions.



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# Citroën's supermini is setting standard

By Sharon Walters

**Citroën's DS3 supermini has proved to be the strongest Citroën sales success story of recent years.**

Now it's been lightly refreshed with more efficient Euro6-compliant engines, smart new lights on selected versions and some extra hi-tech equipment options.

Otherwise, the recipe is much as before, with a three-door-only range of hard-top or cabrio models, striking practical design both inside and out, a range of proven engines and a huge variety of personalisation options.

This DS3 is a trendy small car in the MINI or Fiat 500 mould. Nothing especially ground-breaking about that, you might think – but stop and consider for a moment.

Before this Citroën arrived, established thinking suggested that a fashionable little urban trinket of this kind had to have a 'retro' look, with style harking back to an older classic model: all very nice but also pretty cramped when it came to carrying people and packages.

So the DS3 turned that thinking on its head, completely new and practical but also instantly iconic. Other brands have tried the same thing but with this car, only Citroën has truly succeeded. Now the formula has been subtly improved.

So what's it like to drive?

Well, you get in and settle into a sculpted seat that's set sporty. Ahead of you, the compact steering wheel feels just right and all the vital dials are set in a deeply-cowled, chrome-edged triple pod. Turn the key and both speedo and rev counter zip around their dials and return to zero. You're ready to go.

## Pokier

Under the bonnet of mainstream hard-top and cabrio models, petrol people get the choice of an entry-level 82bhp petrol 1.2 or various forms of 1.6-litre power, either a 120bhp VTI model or the THP 155bhp turbocharged unit. That version makes 62 from rest in just 7.3 seconds on the way to 135mph, so it's as quick as a pricier MINI Cooper S.

There's even a pokier 204bhp 'Racing' version offered in limited numbers to cabrio buyers.

The major change though, is in the diesel range where more modern 'BlueHDi' 100 and 120bhp units are offered for the first time.

Prices start at around £12,500 but there's a premium of just over £2,500 to pay if you want the desirable cabrio version.

Citroën is keen to emphasise the amount of technology it has squeezed into the DS3. DSign, DStyle and DSport are the main trim levels and the options list includes items such as cruise control with a speed limiter, a classy MP3-compatible stereo system with a sub woofer in the boot and the MyWay satellite navigation system.

Safety equipment includes ESP stability control as standard and an advanced ABS braking system and six airbags.

Personalisation is a term that is cropping up with increasing regularity when we talk about trendy small cars and this revised DS3 further embraces it with things like a laser-etched dashboard strip and a screen-printed rear window. There are wider colour and wheel options too.

As before, the roof, mirrors, dashboard, rubbing strips and wheels come in various colours and whichever body-colour you choose, you get a matching key fob.

## Clever

Safety-wise, buyers also now get the chance to specify the clever 'Active City Brake' system. Here, a radar scans the road ahead at low speeds.

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The revised DS3 models get new Euro 6-compliant diesel and petrol engines. Diesel drivers now get the choice of BlueHDi 120 and BlueHDi 100 units, both engines offering more power and lower emissions.

Thanks to the use of leading-edge technology, including SCR (Selective Catalytic Reduction), NOx emissions are cut by 90 per cent, while CO2 emissions are cut by up to four per cent.

The BlueHDi 100 variant is class-leading in terms of emissions, producing just 79g/km of CO2. The BlueHDi 120 emits 94g/km of CO2.

As well as reducing emissions and delivering greater levels of performance, both engines improve fuel efficiency, boasting figures of up to 94mpg for the BlueHDi 100 and up to 78mpg for the BlueHDi 120 version.

Citroën has also developed a Euro 6-compliant entry-level petrol unit, the 'PureTech e-VTi 82 ETG'. Delivering 69mpg over a combined cycle and producing just 95g/km of CO2, it comes only with the automated manual ETG (Efficient Tronic Gearbox).



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# A double act to impress

The Mitsubishi ASX (pictured below) has been refreshed, but the changes aren't too far-reaching. Still, the pricing is even more competitive and there's a lot to like about this versatile and reliable contender for compact soft-roading SUV and crossover customers.

The powerplants on offer are advanced petrol and diesel units that were developed in-house. The petrol engine option is a 1.6-litre 115bhp unit with MIVEC variable valve timing technology. It's offered exclusively with the front-wheel-drive transmission and generates 154Nm of torque at 4,000rpm.

Most opt for the 1.8-litre DiD diesel which packs 114bhp and 300Nm of torque from

3,500rpm. That's a lot of grunt for a unit of this size and there's no shortage of technology behind it. The engine is of all-aluminium construction with common-rail injection. It's a little gruff but undeniably effective and the extra soundproofing added to these current models helps refinement.

This DiD unit is offered in both front and four wheel-drive guise with a six-speed manual gearbox in place of the petrol's five-speed item. It replaced the 148bhp diesel unit that the ASX was launched with, and while this engine's meagre 114bhp can't of course match the performance of its predecessor, it offers much lower carbon dioxide emissions, which is often an easier sell these days. There's also a flagship 2.2-litre diesel automatic variant.

The Mitsubishi Outlander PHEV (pictured right) is a plug-in hybrid that can't fail



**'Refinement is very good, even without the sound of an engine to drown out wind and tyre noise'**

to impress. It'll get over 32 miles on a full electric charge, which means that many commutes will cost pennies in energy charges. The 44g/km emissions figure also means free London congestion charge and a minuscule benefit-in-kind tax bill.

The Outlander PHEV uses a 2.0-litre petrol engine and a pair of electric motors on each axle, giving all-wheel drive and a combined power output in the region of 220bhp. So it's pretty sprightly when you bury the throttle, although Mitsubishi's quoted sprint to 62mph

of 11 seconds sounds strangely slow.

Driven in full electric mode you'll feel the huge torque of the motors and be able to cruise at motorway speeds on electric power alone, although not for too far.

Refinement is very good, even without the sound of an engine to drown out wind and tyre noise. There's a very handy feature included where you can request the battery holds a particular level of charge and you can also use the petrol engine as a generator, to drive battery power back up to 70 per cent of its capacity.



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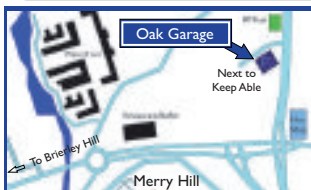
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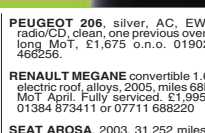
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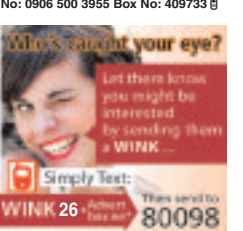
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A strong middle four of Mark Street (21-11), Paul Hemming (21-12), Paul Greene (21-13) and Shane Day (21-20) increased the lead to 55 shots.

A 68 shot victory was completed with wins in the back four by Steve Darling (21-9), Ivan Smout (21-14) and Steve Dicken (21-20).

**South Staffs Premier Division**  
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The second team put up a good fight in a 15 shot defeat at Woodfield. Best for The George were 21-12 wins from Paddy McGuinness and Neil Hopwood.

**Warwick & Worcester Alliance Division 2**  
**The George 212**  
**Kings Heath Park 182**

The third team moved a step closer to the league title with a 33 shot win against Kings Heath Park.

# Clark blue as squad thumped

**Wigan 4 Blues 0**  
WIGAN'S Callum McManaman was the pick of the Latics players with two goals as Birmingham struggled to match Uwe Rosler's men.

Andrew Taylor and substitute Martyn Waghorn grabbed the others for Wigan, who could have won even more comprehensively than 4-0, such was their total superiority.

Birmingham's best chance came with six minutes left, but Scott Carson pulled off stunning saves in quick succession to deny Paul Caddis and then Clayton Donaldson.

The game was over as a contest when McManaman scored from 15 yards to notch his fourth goal of the season.

# Second half try spree sinks Wednesbury

**Trentham RUFC 30 Wednesbury RUFC 15**  
WEDNESBURY travelled to Stoke to take on Trentham in the Staffordshire Cup, having only played one pre-season game.

Wednesbury were trying some promising new combinations for the first time selecting Huggins and Till at Scrum-Half and Fly-Half respectively and Devlin and Grealey in the centres.

It was also a debut for Thomas-Newan on the wing who took his chance really well with some nice runs and brave decisions.

The first 10 minutes was all in Wednesbury's favour with a penalty awarded for their efforts but just pushed wide by Huggins.

## Rugby

Trentham then got a foothold in the game, the scrum was strong for them allowing them to dictate a lot of first phase possession.

The Wednesbury mistakes started to creep in giving Trentham more and more scrum time which started to dictate the story of the first half.

The pendulum swung back in favour of the visitors, pushing up the pitch with some nice midfield runs from Grealey and the All-

wood brothers making good ground also.

During this phase of pressure Wednesbury made a handling error which gave the ball to Trentham's dangerous No.10.

The final ball was carried on and to Trentham's credit they put a great kick downfield and the footrace was on. A player from both sides jumped for the ball and the official adjudged a try for Trentham.

The score was soon 8-0 with a well struck penalty from the home side.

In the second half Wednesbury scored a nice opportunistic try.

Huggins put a little kick down the blind side from the base of a ruck and Tilley

scrambled through Huggins narrowly missed the Conversion.

Soon after Huggins slotted a Penalty bringing the game level. Trentham started to grasp the game by the throat.

Holes started to appear and Trentham worked the ball really well to find these gaps and took their chances, they would take the score out of site with four tries in the space of 25mins to make it 30-8.

In this period Wednesbury looked rusty, lots of simple errors and indecision handed possession to easily to the home side.

In the final 10 minutes Wednesbury scored a try through Grealey.

# Hero Edwards sees Tivs into next round

**FA Cup - Preliminary Round Replay**  
**Tividale FC 5 Shawbury Utd FC 2**

**A frenetic start to the half saw Tividale behind after three minutes in Shawbury's first attack.**

Their two-goal hero Kevin Renshaw turned provider, crossing for Steve Hole to head home. Tividale were nearly on level terms two minutes later

when a Jazz Luckie snap shot cannoned off the cross bar.

In the next attack Tividale were level.

For once Shawbury failed to clear their lines and Karl Edwards was on hand to steer the ball past keeper Matthew Evans and home.

The goal settled the home side and they began to dominate possession but as in the original game Shawbury were dangerous on the attack.

Tividale went close on 14 minutes when a Zack Foster free kick went just wide. Luckie had another chance but he was denied by Evans.

He then thwarted both Downing and Dave Bellis.

Shawbury's next effort on goal came in the 35th minute a Renshaw corner was headed over by Dan Beddows. On 38 minutes Tividale won a corner Leigh Downing took it and drilled it into the near post and Edwards ran across his marker and side footed it home between Evans and his near post.

Tividale started the second half as Shawbury started the first with an early goal, Jazz Luckie turning home a Danny Ashton cross on 46 minutes.

Shawbury hit back just

## Football

as Tividale did in the first half when Andy Parsons did not know whether to stick or twist and in the end presented forward Darren Beech with the ball on the edge of his box, and as Tividale keeper Tom Turner rushed out to close him down Darren Beech chipped it over him.

Tividale substitute Nigel Penney's first touch of the ball was a glorious volley that Evans could only watch scrape the outside of his right hand post.

By now Tividale had the majority of the possession but Shawbury were still defending comfortably but then Tividale hit Shawbury with two goals in two minutes.

First on 85 minutes Edwards latched on a Chris Field through-ball and chipped it over the advancing Evans. Then a ball was headed on by Penney to Edwards and with his back to goal acrobatically did an overhead kick into the roof of Evans net.

Tividale had a chance to increase their lead with a penalty but Evans made a fine save.

## Rampant Heathens make it 15 on the run



Max Clegg leads Josh Bates during Cradley versus Devon last night. Picture: John Hipkiss

CRADLEY extended their sublime winning run to a remarkable 15 meetings with a rampant 63-30 victory over Devon at Monmore Green on Tuesday.

In their last home meeting of the regular season, the Heathens stormed to another resounding win with a professional display.

The hosts got off to a perfect start with some fast starting seeing them race to two 5-1s in the opening two

races, before Nathan Greaves hunted down Luke Chessell in a superb heat three to move them ten clear.

Bike troubles for Paul Starke whilst leading heat four did see Cradley pegged back as Devon reduced the deficit - but the home side soon seized control once again.

They raced to five maximums in the final ten races to record another comfortable win and ensure they will enter their Knockout Cup semi-final

against Coventry next week high on confidence. It was another excellent all-around team performance.

CRADLEY 63: Steve Worrall 15, Nathan Greaves 13+3, Danny Phillips 10+2, Max Clegg 10, Matt Williamson 8+2, Paul Starke 7, Tom Perry R/R

DEVON 30: Josh Bates 12, Luke Chessell 8, Matt Bates 5, James Shanes 2, Tyler Govier 2, Cameron Hoskins 1, Richard Andrews 0

# Blyth put an end to Yeltz's win streak

**Halesowen Town 1**  
**Blyth Spartans 2**

HALESOWEN'S long 14 game unbeaten league streak came to an end as Blyth snatched a goal at the end of each half.

The Yeltz started brightly enough and Tom Tonks blazed a great chance which went high over the bar when he connected with Ben Haseley's seventh minute flick-on.

Halesowen kept the pressure on through a lively performance from Haseley Home goalkeeper Matt Sargeant showed his mett with two good saves from Blyth dangerman Daniel Maguire.

But Maguire was not going to be denied forever and eventually slotted Blyth into a 44th minute lead from close range.

Halesowen's hard work seemed to have rescued a point when Tilt nodded home an 84th minute, close-range equaliser after Christie kept Sargeant's long free-kick in play, allowing substitute Robert Thompson-Brown to cross over goalkeeper Jeffries.

But the Spartans weren't finished yet and came back again and Maguire played in Ryan Hutchinson to win the game with a fine 87th minute strike f and bring an end to the Yeltz unbeaten streak.

# Villa keep unbeaten run going

**Villa 2 Hull 1**  
ASTON Villa's unbeaten start to the Barclays Premier League season continued as goals from Gabriel Agbonlahor and Andreas Weimann put away Hull at Villa Park.

Villa had to settle for a 2-1 victory but should really have enjoyed a more handsome scoreline, dominating first-half proceedings completely with neat finishes from Agbonlahor and Weimann sandwiched by shots against the woodwork from Fabian Delph and Ashley Westwood.

Hull tightened up after the interval and found a lifeline when Nikica Jelavic's 72nd-minute header was turned home by Villa full-back Aly Cissokho.



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## Chief is happy at Baggies reshuffle

CHAIRMAN Jeremy Peace insists Albion are stronger and happier after a summer overhaul of the Hawthorns squad.

The Baggies have signed 11 new players after 12 departed but have made an underwhelming start to the season with two draws and a defeat.

However, Peace believes the summer 'reboot' under new technical director Terry Burton and head coach Alan Irvine has restored the feel-good factor at the club.

"It does feel like that, very much so," said Peace, who triggered the clearout of players after last season's off-field unrest. "They all seem to be in quite a good place. The feedback to me has been very positive and around the place people seem to be calmer."

"We have brought players in, we have done business early and worked hard to get them in and tried to settle them. We have brought in good players, re-negotiated three senior players' contracts and it's a very content dressing room."

"But they are still hungry and they still want success. 'The Baggies' summer revamp included releasing five players, seeing five loanees return to parent clubs and losing Billy Jones after the defender ran down his contract."

## Tividale will be fearless

TIVIDALE will play without fear when they travel to Stafford Rangers in the first qualifying round of the FA Cup, says manager Ian Long.

Long's men thrashed Shawbury United 5-2 on Tuesday as Karl Edwards bagged four goals and Jazz Luckie wrapped things up for the Evo-Stik Northern Division One South side.

The manager praised his men for their attacking flair, but Long revealed he was unimpressed with Tividale's defending. Long added he was in the market for another striker to give his team more options from the bench.

He said: "We have got a tough one against Stafford. We fear no-one, so I will be telling my players to make sure we are in the hat for the next round. There is a massive financial incentive for the winners."

## Tipton win a game and lose a manager

**Sporting Khalsa 0 Tipton Town 1**  
TIPTON Town parted company with Manager Nick Hawkins and his first team staff on Saturday night following their FA Cup victory over West Midlands league leaders Sporting Khalsa.

Tipton progressed through to the next round by the skin of the teeth as hosts Khalsa threw everything at them but were unable to find that all important equaliser with Tipton keeper Ash Malhotra in excellent form.

Joel Grandison, Kieran Whalin and Dean Bennett who were absent on Monday made

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the starting line up with Ben Hadley called in to replace the sidelined Jack Caulton. Tipton soaked up the early pressure, and had Malhotra to thank on 10 minutes when his one-handed save denied Jamie Oliver from close range.

On 22 minutes a Khalsa free kick found the head of Carlo Franco among a packed Tipton goalmouth but George Durrell quickly responded and hooked the ball of the line.

Ben Hadley made a break down the middle but his solo run ended when he was floored by Kieron Northwood who was duly cautioned for his actions. The free kick was executed by Danny Carey-Bertram from just outside of the box, but the strike flew high of the target.

Joel Grandison tested keeper James Pemberton from 25 yards but it was saved with ease.

On 27 minutes, the game turned in the visitors favour.

Tipton forced a corner which Kieran Whalin took to set up a quick one-two with

team mate Ben Hadley, and from the edge of the box he fed the ball across the Khalsa goalmouth where 17-year-old Joshua March slotted home at the far post to net his third goal of the season.

Tipton's celebrations should have been short-lived when from the restart the hosts broke immediately with Tipton on the back foot when a cross from the right found Chris Henry and with the goal at his mercy, sent his header wide of the target.

Tipton held Khalsa at bay and played some good football in the remaining quarter.

## No-show Pawlicki sacked

WOLVES owner Chris Van Straaten predicted Piotr Pawlicki would be a future world champion – just a day after cancelling his contract.

Van Straaten axed the Pole on Monday "with a heavy heart" over the latest in a string of non-appearances, yet admires his talent and described him as "a nice lad".

But the 19-year-old's no-show for Monday night's match against Leicester – messages were sent in the morning to say he would not be there – was the final straw for Van Straaten.

"Enough is enough," he said after delivering the blow.

"It's just not fair on the team, the promotion and most importantly the supporters."

And the Wolves chief will now be ultra-cautious before taking on another young Polish ace, pointing to the pressure they are under at home.

"I would certainly have to think long and hard about an Under-21 rider," he said. "They are so important to their Polish Elite League clubs."

"I firmly believe there is a lot of pressure on them."

## Albion cut their cup tickets cost

ALBION have cut prices for their Capital One Cup third-round clash against Hull at The Hawthorns later this month.

Tickets are now on sale to season ticket holders and members, priced £10 except under-17s, who will pay £5.

These prices apply to tickets bought before the September 24 match.

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# YELTZ SUFFER A SECOND BEATING

**Halesowen 0 Witton 2**

**HALESOWEN** departed Cheshire empty handed, as a well-organised Witton claimed a 2-0 victory.

Halesowen made two changes to the line-up that lost to Blyth on Saturday, as Peter Till and Aaron Forde were both replaced by Iyseden Christie and Neil Mackenzie.

The Yeltz got off to a good start, as Mackenzie's shot just flew wide of the left post.

This was followed by Ben Haseley's goal-bound header which was acrobatically saved by Chris Sanna, as he just tipped the ball past the post to keep the Yeltz off the scoreboard.

But the second half was a different affair for Halesowen, as Witton came out all guns blazing and they were rewarded seven minutes into the second period.

Josh Hancock marked his return to the Albion squad as he gathered the ball outside the 18 yard box and he smashed a low shot into the bottom left hand corner of the net to open the scoring and from this point Witton never really looked back.

Witton were becoming more threatening by the minute, as Danny Andrews' curling free kick flew straight into the hands of goalkeeper Matt Sargeant who then made an unreal diving save to deny what looked like Neil Harvey's goal-bound effort.

Not to be denied it was Harvey who killed the game off with five minutes remaining.

Joe Hull's attempted back pass set up the Witton

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forward and he powered the ball under Sargeant and he watched the ball ripple into the back of Halesowen's net.

The Yeltz tried to fight back, but the strength and organisation of Albion's back four was too much for them.

Their determination in the closing stages of the match came to nothing in the end as they left the pitch with a 2-0 defeat on their hands and their second in a row.

Now the Halesowen side will be hoping that they can bounce back with a win against Workington on Saturday.

**Halesowen:** Sargeant, Green, Charlton, Mackenzie (Lait), Hull, Tilt, Bragoli, Tonks, Christie, Haseley (Thompson-Brown), Griffiths (Turner)

**Booked:** Charlton, Bragoli

**Goals:** None  
**Witton:** Sanna, Moyo, Lea, Harrison, Gardner, Powell (Titchiner), Hancock (Dawson), Davidson, Harvey, Howard, Andrews

**Booked:** None

**Goals:** Hancock (52), Harvey (85)

## Whiley aiming to rewrite tennis history



Jordanne Whiley playing at the Australian Open earlier this year

Halesowen's Jordanne Whiley aims to create a piece of British tennis history this week when she contests the wheelchair tennis competition at the US Open in New York, the final Grand Slam of the year.

The 22-year-old two-time Paralympian bids to complete a full set of Grand Slam women's doubles titles. No Brit, wheelchair player nor non-disabled, has ever won all four Grand Slam titles in any event

in the same calendar year. Whiley and Japan's Yui Kamiji have beaten Dutch partnerships in the finals of the Australian Open, Roland Garros and Wimbledon, defeating reigning champions Jiske Griffioen and Aniek van Koot in Paris and at Wimbledon. Now both partnerships will start the women's doubles in New York as the top two seeds as Kamiji and Whiley, who have replaced Griffioen and van Koot as the world's top two ranked

women's doubles players since their Roland Garros triumph in June, attempt to emulate the Dutch pair's feat in winning all four Grand Slam events in 2013

"2013 was the start of a great partnership for me and Yui and it's very exciting to see how far we've come together," said Whiley.

The US Open Wheelchair Tennis Competition begins tonight (Thursday) and continues until Sunday.

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